

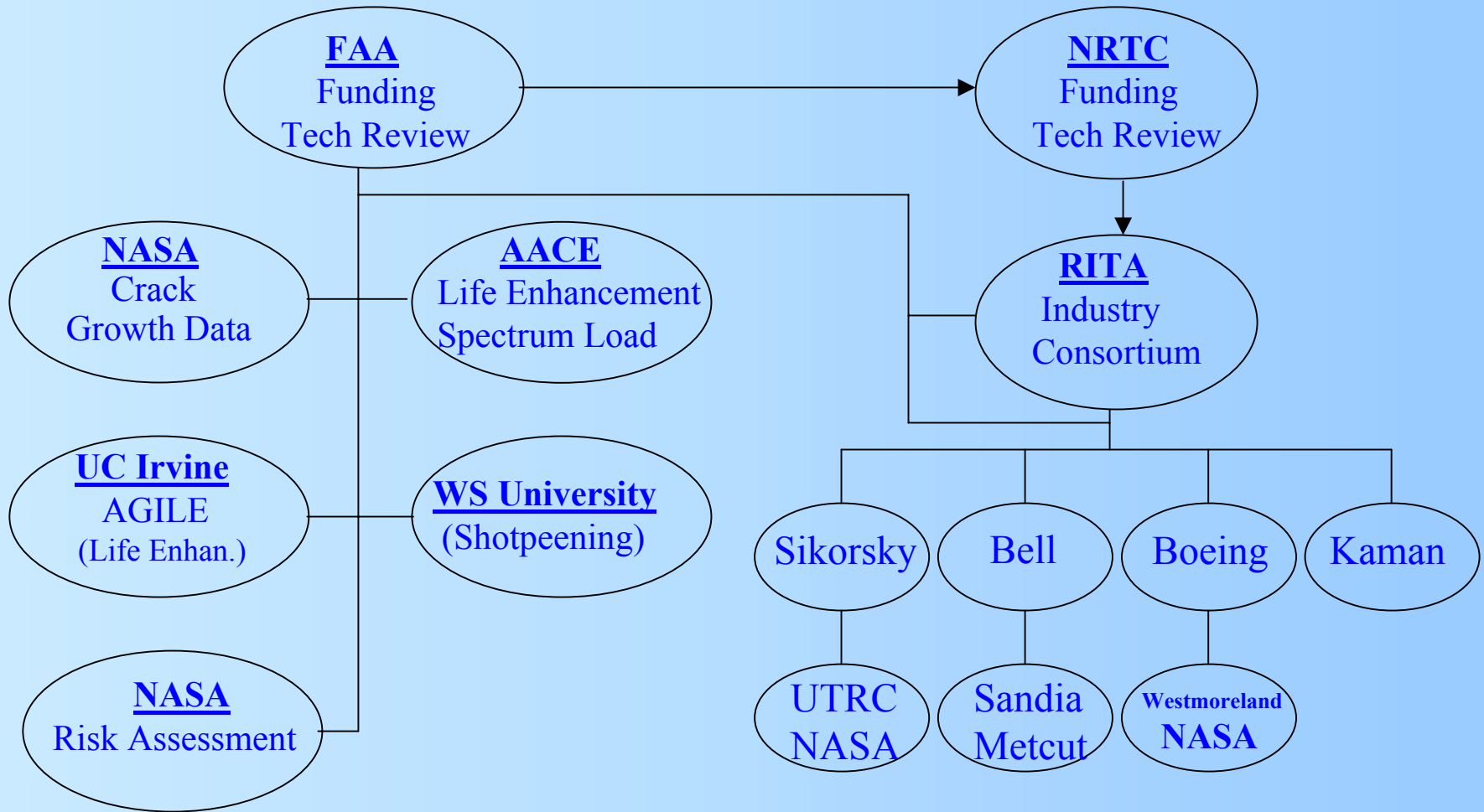
# *NRTC/RITA FAA Rotorcraft Damage Tolerance Project*



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# FAA Rotorcraft Metals Structural Integrity Program



# RITA/FAA Technical Objectives

- Cooperative RITA research program based on the “RCDDT Roadmap”
- Develop the technology and data to adopt crack growth damage tolerant design, certification, and management for rotorcraft in accordance with evolving FAA and DoD requirements
- Efforts will be leveraged based on prior technology and data developed for fixed wing aircraft and engines, modified and expanded to meet the unique requirements of rotorcraft

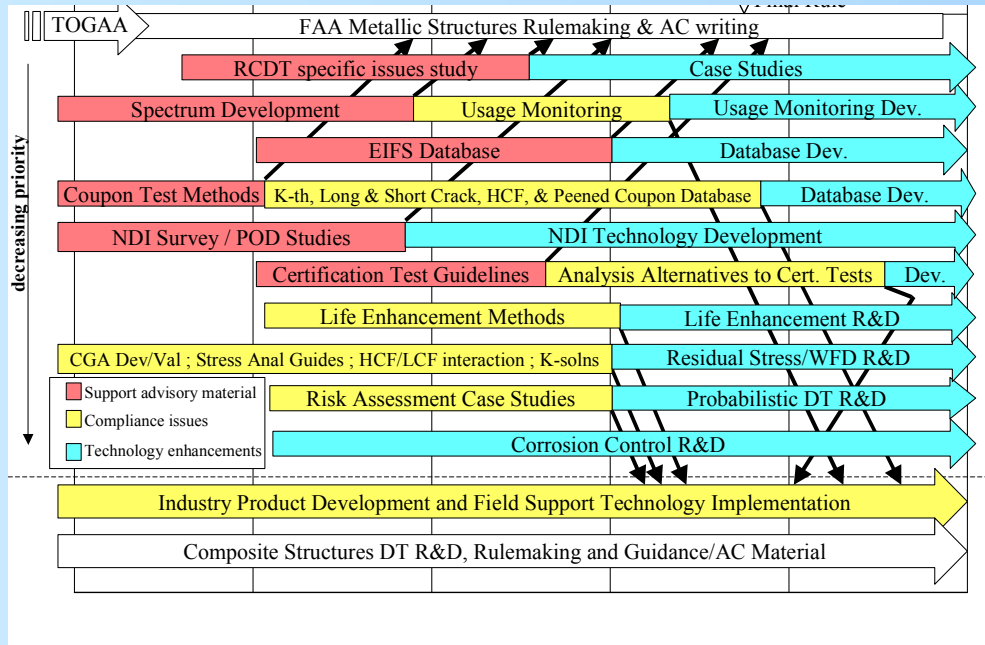
# Report/Document List

- NRTC/RITA Reports: Tech plans, quarterly reports, year end reports and reviews
- Technical Reports: Individual RITA reports documenting technical work and results for each task. (Non-proprietary pending TAC approval)
- Data Packages: data, codes and supporting Tech Reports (NRTC/RITA Proprietary)
- Specific Issues Report: Joint RITA report on rotorcraft DT issues and guidance to address the issues. (Non-proprietary pending TAC approval)

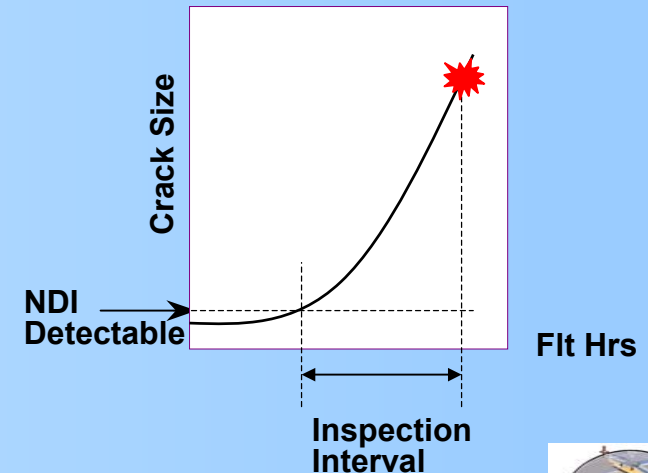
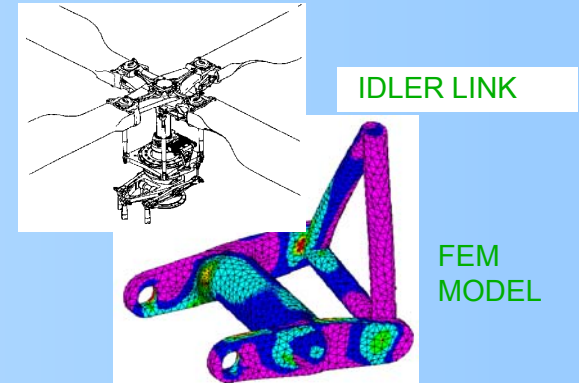
# Rotorcraft Damage Tolerance (RCDT) Program

**Objective** – Develop and validate technology for the transition from safe-life to damage tolerant design, verification, and management of rotorcraft structure needed to meet future FAA and military requirements.

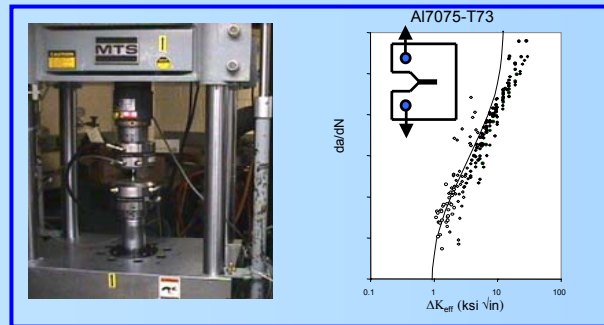
## ROTORCRAFT DAMAGE TOLERANCE (RCDT) ROADMAP



## CRACK GROWTH ANALYSIS VALIDATION



**NDI**



**CRACK GROWTH DATA**



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# List of RCDT Roadmap Research Areas (RA) Indicating the Level of Effort by RITA Principal Members

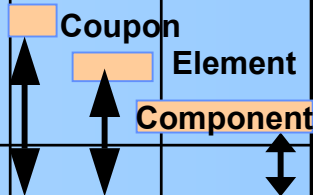
RITA/FAA RCDT R&D Roadmap Areas	RITA members R&D role M = Major and S = Supporting		
	Bell	Boeing	Sikorsky
1) RCDT specific issues study	M	M	M
2) Spectrum development and usage monitoring	M	M	S
3) Equivalent initial flaw sizes (EIFS)	S	S	M
4) Crack growth material database	M	S	M
5) Nondestructive inspection/evaluation (NDI/E)	M	S	S/M
6) Certification testing	M	M	M
7) Life enhancement methods	S	S	M/S
8) Crack growth analysis (CGA)	M	M	M
9) Risk assessment methods	M	M	M
10) Corrosion control	M	M	S

**Tan color indicates Roadmap areas for program year 2004**

➤ **Reference:** Cronkhite, J., Harrison, C., Tritsch, D., Weiss, W., Rousseau, C., “Research on Practical Damage Tolerance Methods for Rotorcraft Structures” presented at the American Helicopter Society 56th Annual Forum, Virginia Beach, Virginia, May 2-4, 2000.

# Bell Tasks

TASK	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
RA 1: Specific Issues and Case Studies						
RA 2: Spectrum Development and Usage Monitoring						
RA 4: Crack Growth Testing						
RA 5: NDI/E Corrosion & Crack Detection Methods						
RA 6: Certification Testing						
RA 8: Crack Growth Analysis Evaluation/Validation						
RA 9: Risk Assessment / Probabilistic Methods						
RA 10: Corrosion Control						



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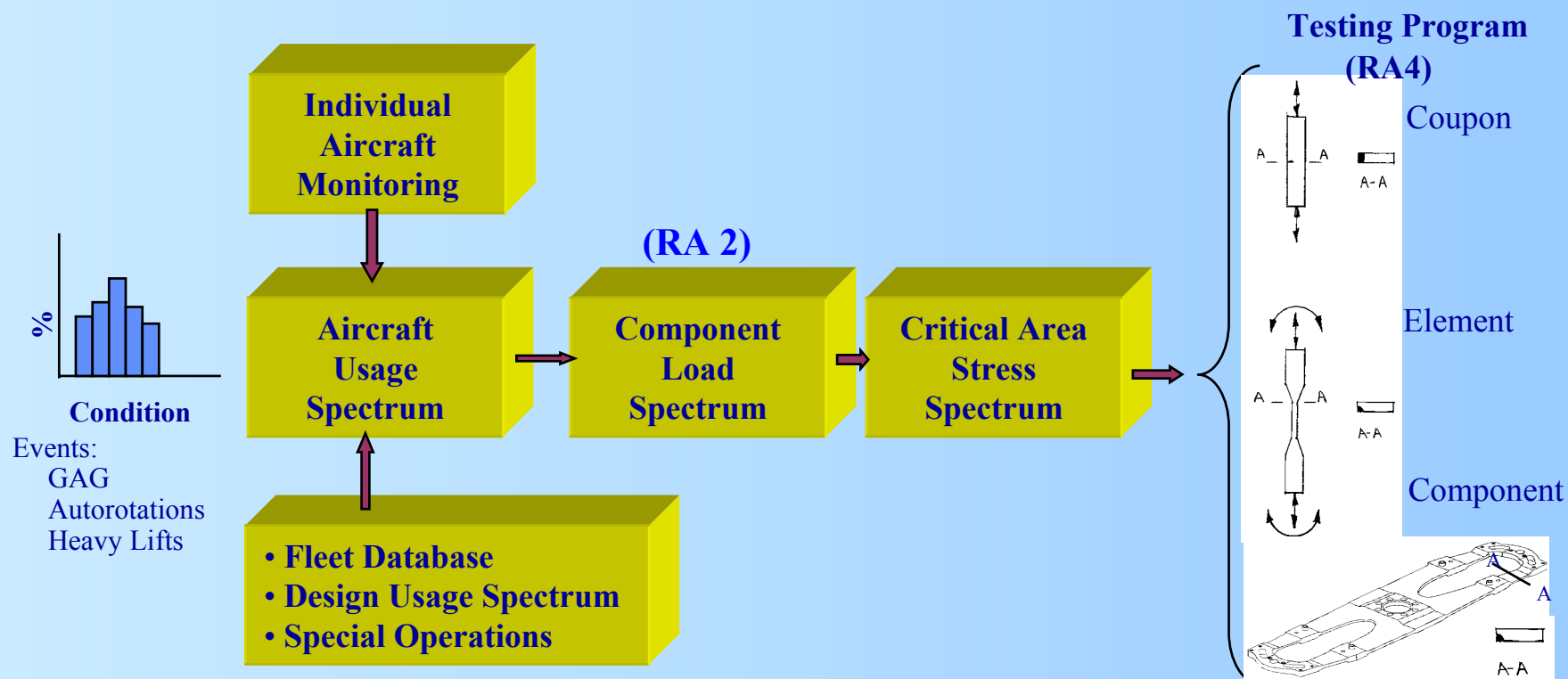
# Bell - Technical Objectives

- RA 1: Identify the unique issues and DT technology to address those issues for rotorcraft structures and develop a DTA full-scale component demonstration
- RA 2: Develop a stress spectrum for element level coupons of a main rotor yoke PSE and evaluate RITA ground station software using operational data
- RA 4: Develop crack growth threshold and  $da/dN$  crack growth data for commonly used materials using surface crack specimen
- RA 5: Investigate field inspection NDI methods needed to implement a structural integrity program for corrosion & crack detection (joint effort with Sandia AANC)
- RA 8: Evaluate crack growth analysis code AGILE and attend two workshops
- RA 9: Conduct feasibility study of using Probabilistic Methods (PM) on analyzing a dynamic component



# RA 1: Specific Issues Study

## ➤ MAIN ROTOR YOKE PSE DEMONSTRATION COMPONENT



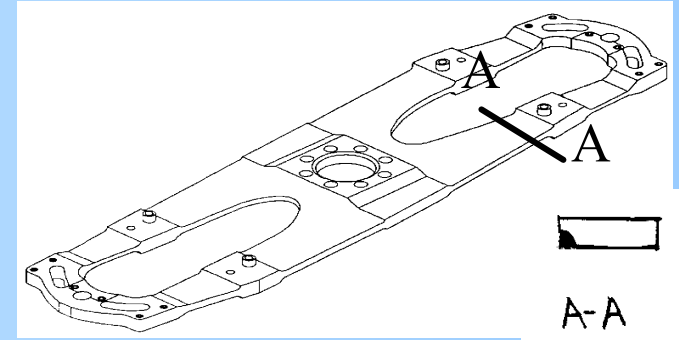
## ➤ Validation of DTA Analysis Methodology

# RA 2: Spectrum Development and Usage Monitoring

## Stress Equation for a Main Rotor Yoke:

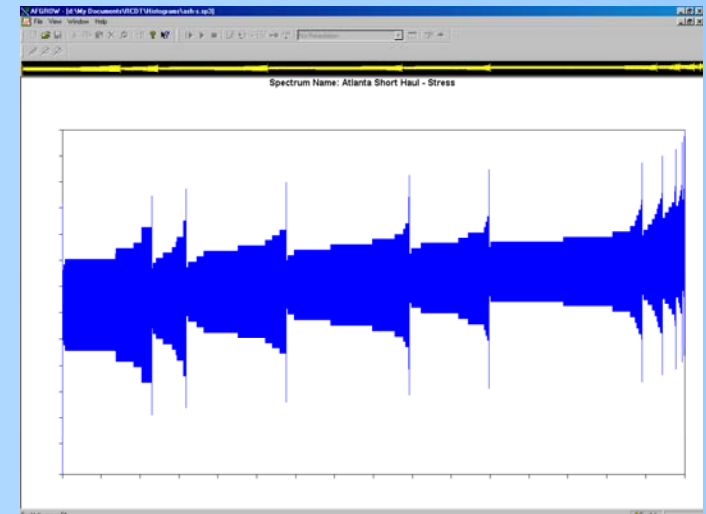
Stresses were calculated at the critical crack location based on a combination of beam bending, chord bending and CF:

$$\text{Stress} = M_b c / I_b + M_c c / I_c + CF$$



Critical Section of the main rotor yoke

- Four usage spectra are used:
  - Certification
  - Atlanta Short Haul
  - Gulf Coast
  - External Loads Survey

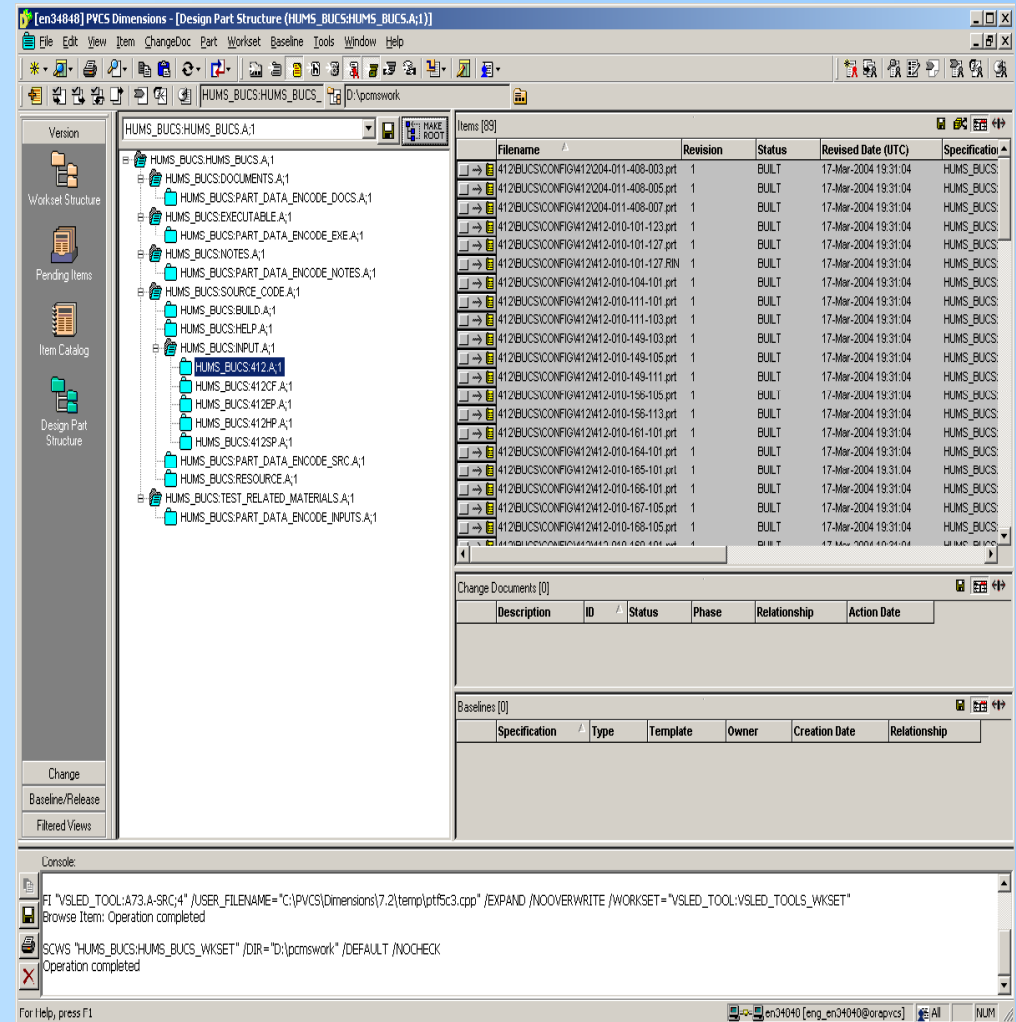


Stress Spectrum for Atlanta Short Haul

# RA 2: Spectrum Development and Usage Monitoring

## Usage Monitoring:

- Collected Usage Data on two different B412 aircraft at PHI
- Received Operational Data from a squadron of B412 (CH-146) aircraft from the Canadian Forces
- Installed a first release of RITA Ground Station Software on Bell Ground Station
- Completed a preliminary evaluation of Prototype RITA Ground Station software using the Canadian Forces Data
- PHI Usage Data from 2 aircraft was evaluated with Bell Usage Credit Software (BUCS)










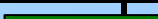




## Snapshot of BUCS Input



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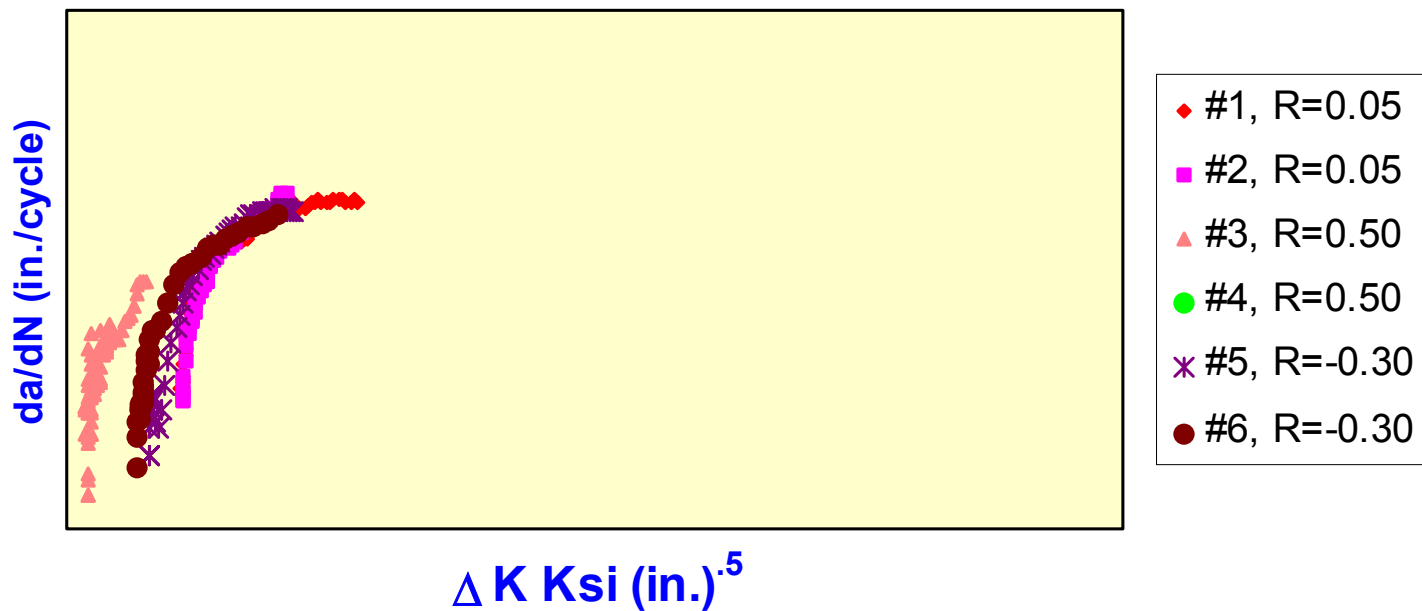
# RA 4: Crack Growth Material Testing - Schedule

CRACK GROWTH THRESHOLD AND PSE TESTING					
TASK	2001 (PY)	2002 (PY)	2003 (PY)	2004 (PY)	2005 (PY)
TITANIUM 6AL-4V (Kb Specimens)					
ALUMINUM 7075-T7351 PLATE (Kb Specimens)					
ALUMINUM 7050-T7451 (Kb Specimens)					
STEEL 15-5 (Kb Specimens)					
STEEL 13-8 (Kb Specimens)					
7075-T73 Forging (Kb Specimens)					
7050 - T7452 Forging (Kb Specimens)					
TITANIUM 6 AL-4V BSTOA ELI (Kb Specimens)					
BASIC COUPONS OF A PSE					
ELEMENT COUPONS OF A PSE					
SUB-COMPONENT OR FULL-SCALE PSE					
PREPARE A DATA PACKAGE					

# RA 4: Crack Growth Material Testing

- Example of Kb Bar Crack Growth Threshold Test Data

## Fatigue Crack Growth Rate 7075-T73 Al Forging at Different R - Ratios



# RA 5: NDI Technology Development

## ➤ Bell & Sandia AANC Joint Effort, Beta Test Site at PHI

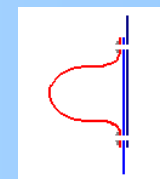
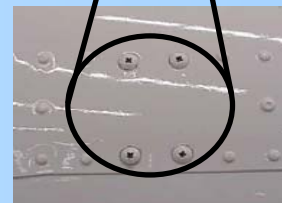
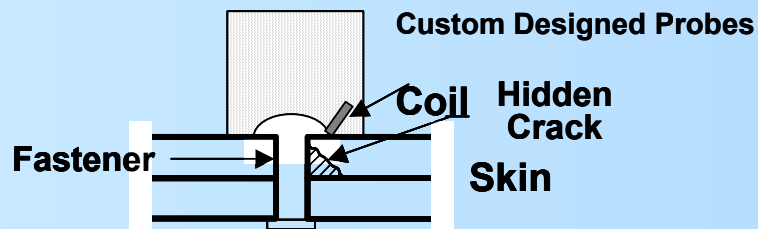
### Probe Evaluation

- Provided technical support for custom designing of the probes
- Investigated the origin and effect of inspection variables caused by manufacturing processes, materials, and environmental conditions
- Designed and fabricated panels with cracks introduced by fatigue to simulate real field conditions



### Applications

- Fatigue cracking of the tailboom longeron. Hard to detect until the majority of the cross section has cracked
- Developed the calibration panels to develop the inspection techniques
- Plan to evaluate at Beta Test Site



**Longeron  
Cross-Section**

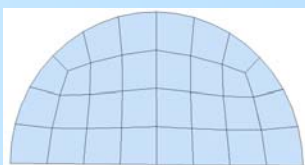
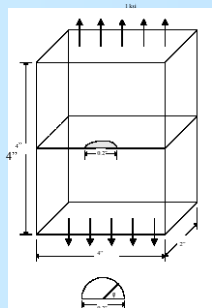


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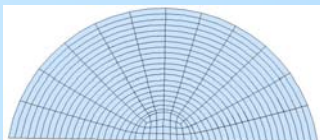
# RA 8: Crack Growth Analysis

## AGILE EVALUATION WORKSHOP I

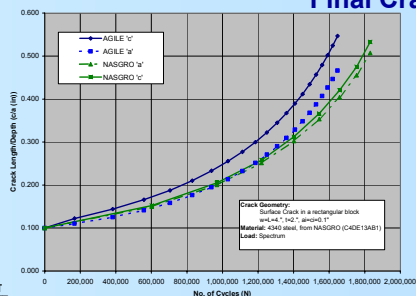
1. A 4"x2"x4" rectangular block with semicircular surface crack of 0.1" under tensile load
2. A 4"x2"x4" rectangular block with corner crack of 0.1" radius under tensile load
3. A 1"x6"x0.5" thick plate with 0.2" long through thickness edge crack under tensile load
4. A thick cantilever tube (OD=4", ID=2", L=24") with a semicircular crack of 0.2" radius located at 14" from the free end. The applied load is axial load, moment, shear and torque. These loads will be applied as individual loads and finally as various combinations of axial load, moment, shear and torque load.
5. A 5"x8"x5" rectangular bar with an embedded crack of 0.5" radius



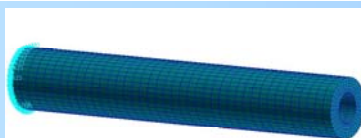
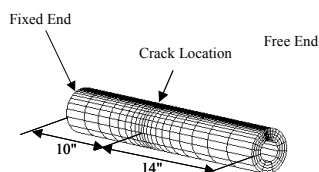
Initial Crack Shape



Final Crack Shape

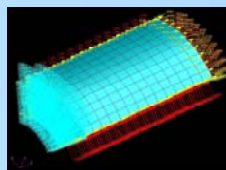


Problem – 1: Surface Crack



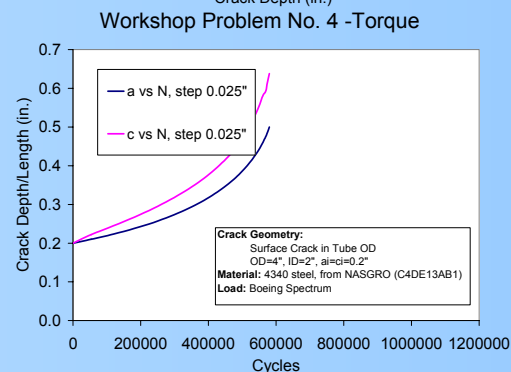
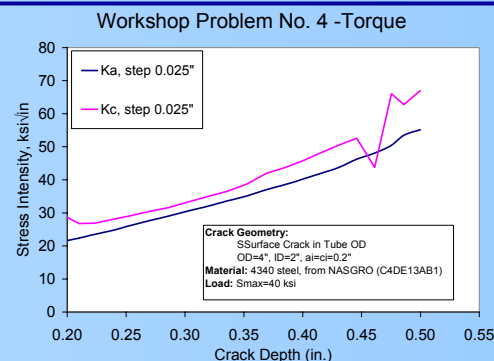
No of HEX20 (Solid) elements: 8000  
No of nodes: 9840

Global Model



Local Model

Problem – 4: Tube with a Surface Crack

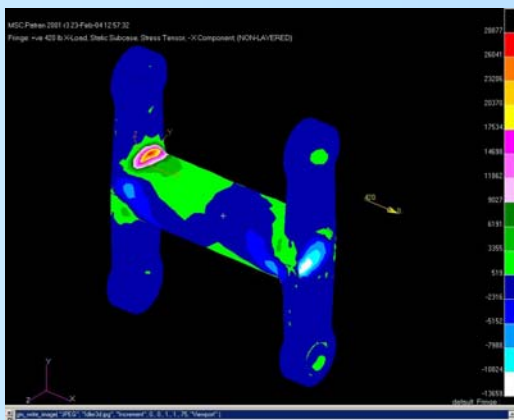
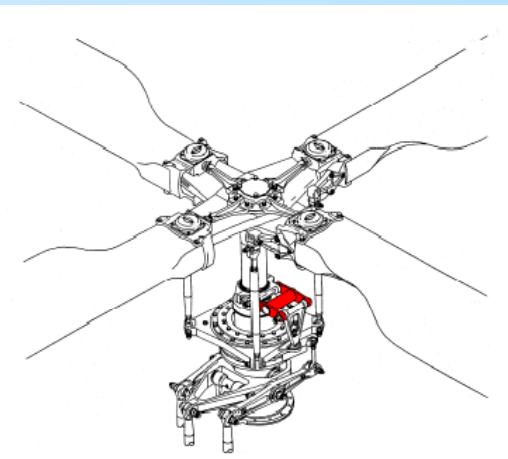




# RA 8: Crack Growth Analysis

## AGILE EVALUATION WORKSHOP II

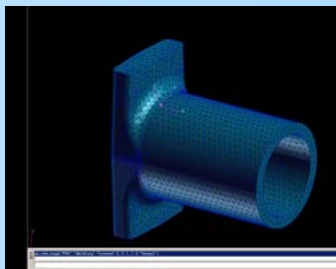
### IDLER LINK CORRELATION



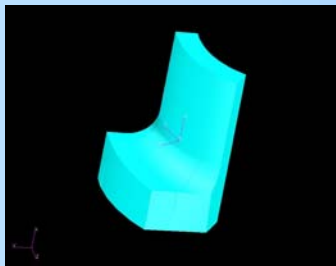
**Idler Link - FEM**



**Global Model**



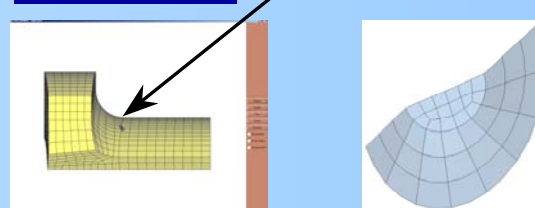
**Intermediate Model**



**Local Model**

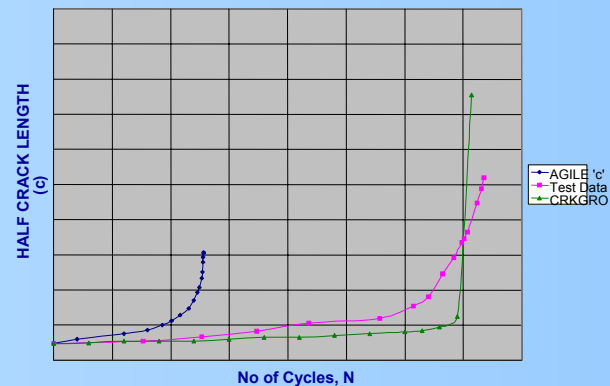
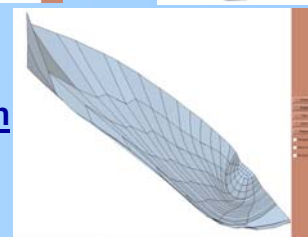
### Non-planar Surface Crack

#### Before Growth



Crack

#### After Growth



Note:

1. Material 7075T73 Aluminum
2. Walker Equation used
3. CRKGRO results use strain gage data from the test



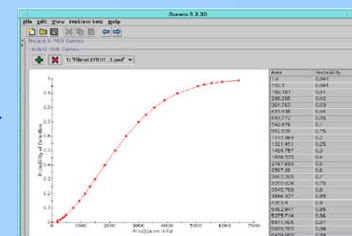
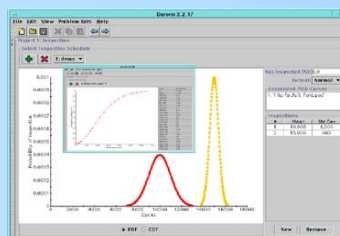
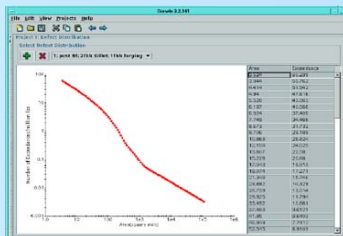
# Framework for Probabilistic Damage Tolerance Analysis

## RA 5: NDI Inspection Methods

Anomaly Distribution (crack size)

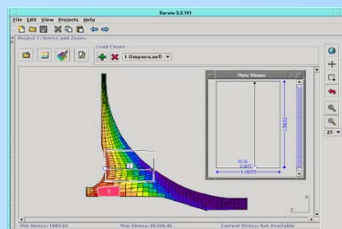
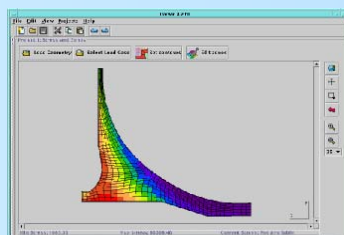
NDE Inspection Schedule

Probability of Detection

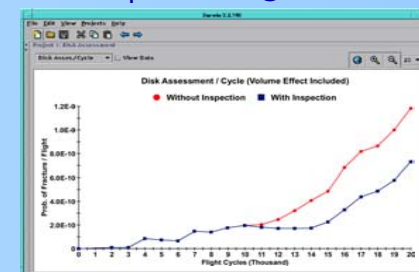


FE Stress Analysis

Crack Growth Analysis



$P_f$  vs. Flight hrs.

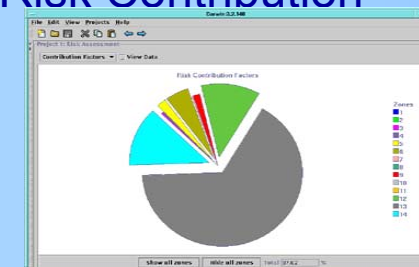
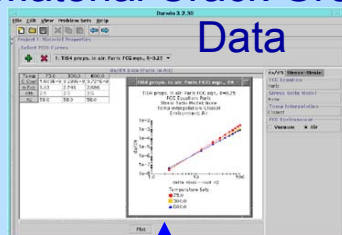


Stochastic Loading

Material Crack Growth Data

Risk Contribution

RA 2: Usage/Load/Stress Spectrum

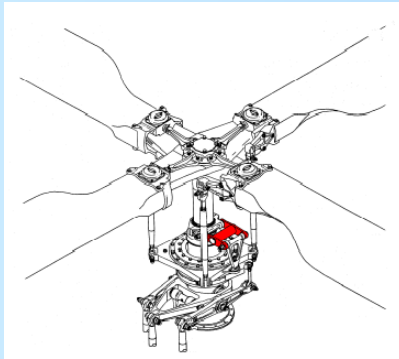


RA 4: Crack Growth Testing

# RA 9: Risk Assessment

- Feasibility Study on Probabilistic Methods applications to damage tolerance analysis of a dynamic component:

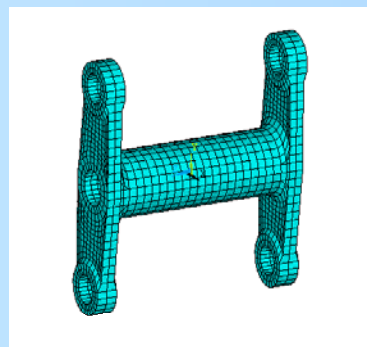
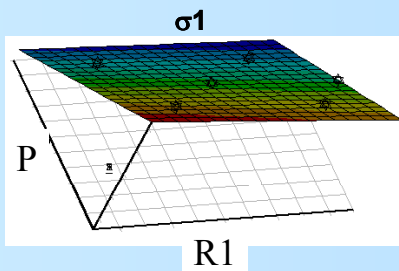
## Response Surface Method



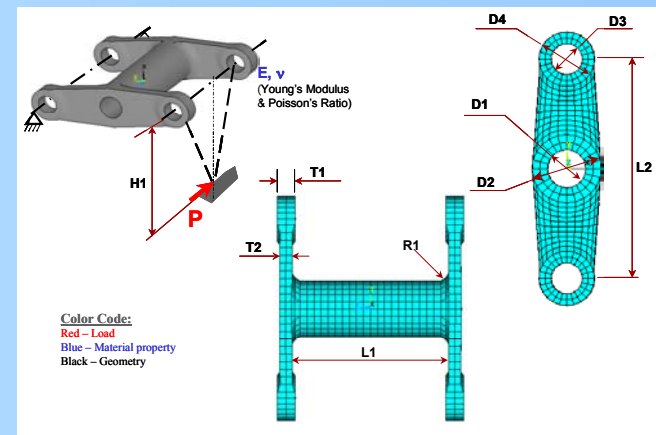
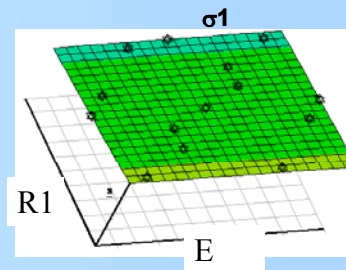
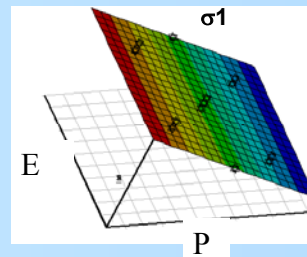
**Idler Link**

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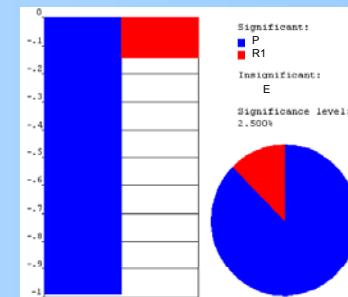
1. Geometric Variable, R1
2. Material Property Variable, E
3. Load, P



**ANSYS Model**



**Parametric Model**



Output parameter:  $\sigma_1$   
at critical location

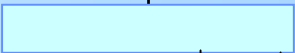



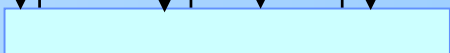


**Sensitivity Analysis**

# Bell - 2003 Technical Accomplishments

- RA 1: - RITA principals delivered a joint DT issues report
  - Defined the test plan and fabricated coupons for testing surface, through and corner cracks. Completed testing of CT coupons for crack growth threshold. Completed the design of element level coupon
- RA 2: - Developed a stress equation that includes beam and chord bending and tension, histograms, exceedances plots using four usage spectra for a main rotor yoke PSE
  - Collected Usage data on two B412 aircraft at PHI and also obtained Operational data for the Bell model CH-147 from Canadian Forces. Evaluated usage data obtained from PHI for two aircraft using Bell Usage Credit Software (BUCS) and defined enhancements for needed BUCS system to be compatible with current HUMS software release. Delivered a data package
- RA 4: - Developed crack growth threshold and  $da/dN$  data for 7075-T73 Al forging, 7050-T7452 Al forging using surface crack coupons, Kb bar. Developed crack growth threshold and  $da/dN$  data for through crack CT specimens of a main rotor yoke. Delivered a data package
- RA 5: - Compared NDI probes for detection of cracks under the fasteners and also investigated the effects of manufacturing processes, materials and environmental conditions. Designed the prototype panels for detecting cracks under in a tail boom.
  - Developed techniques will be evaluated by PHI (Beta Test Site operator). Delivered a data package
- RA 8: - Evaluated AGILE code using 5 generic problems and presented the results in workshop I. For workshop II, evaluated AGILE code using a rotorcraft component. Completed two reports and delivered a data package
- RA 9: - Completed case study of using Probabilistic Methods (PM) for rotorcraft component and delivered a data package

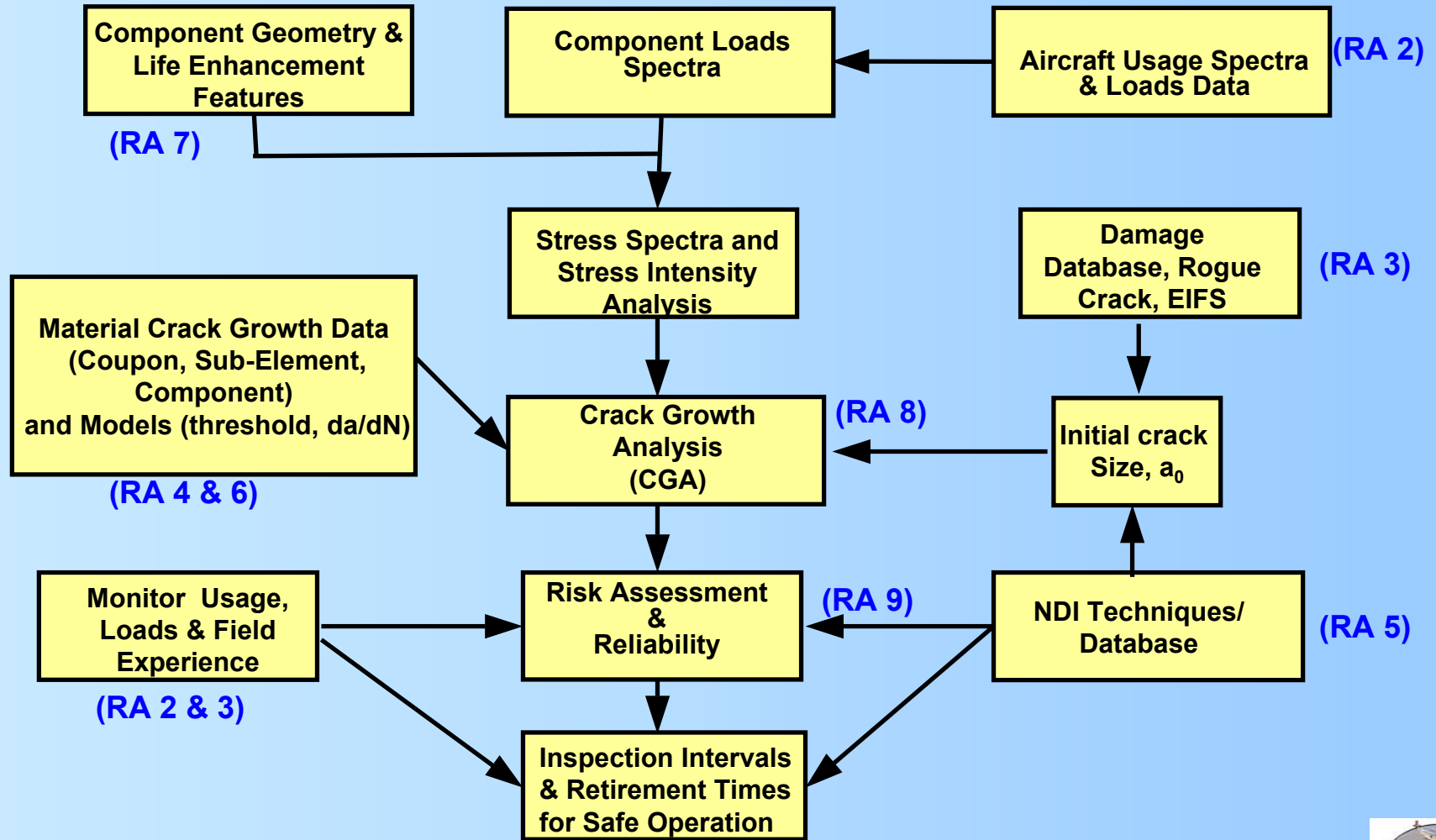


## Boeing Tasks/RCDT Roadmap Areas

TASK/AREA	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Boeing Task 2/Road Map Area 2 Spectrum Development						
Boeing Task 3/Road Map Area 8 Crack Growth Analysis						
<b>Boeing Task 9/Road Map Area 6</b> <b>Certification Testing</b>	Coupon					
	Component					
<b>Boeing Task 11/Road Map Area 1</b> <b>RCDT Specific Issues</b>						
<b>Boeing Task 13/Road Map Area 9</b> <b>Risk Assessment</b>						
<b>Boeing Task 8/Road Map Area 10</b> <b>Corrosion Control</b>						

# Task 11 RCDT Issues (Road Map Area 1)

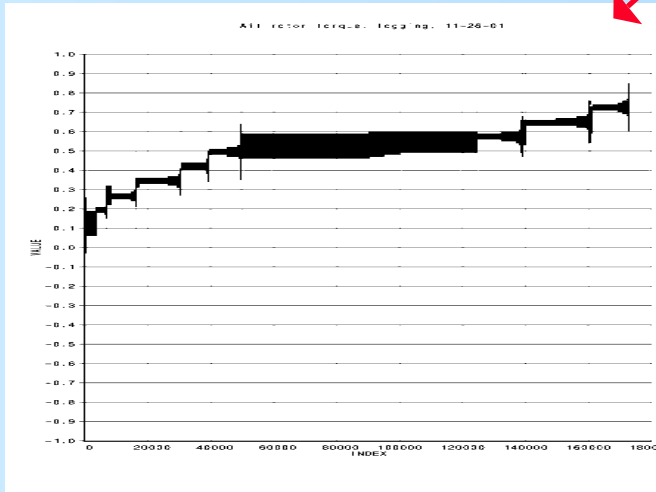
## Basic Elements of Crack Growth Methodology for Rotorcraft DT



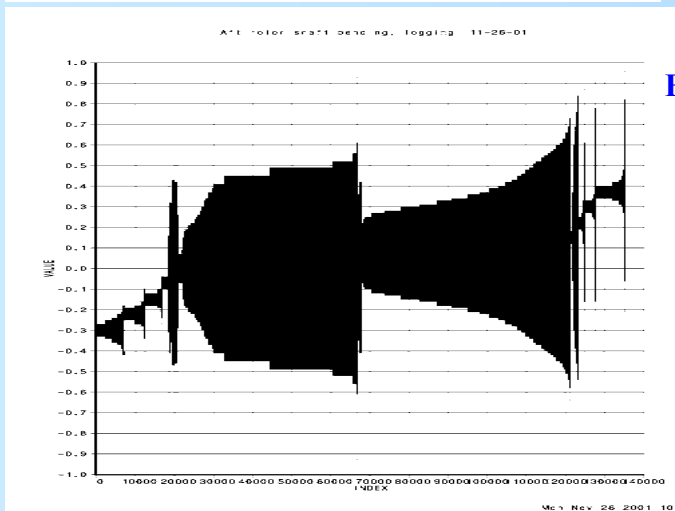
# Task 2 Spectrum Development (Roadmap Area 2)

## Normalized Load Spectra

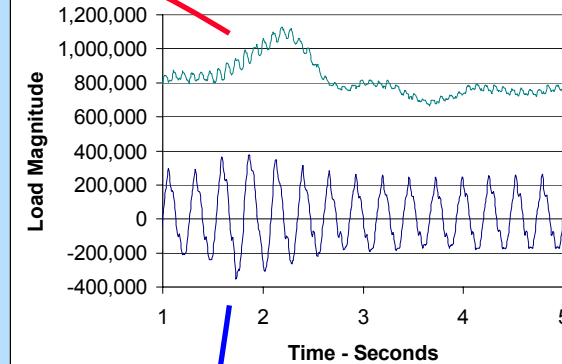
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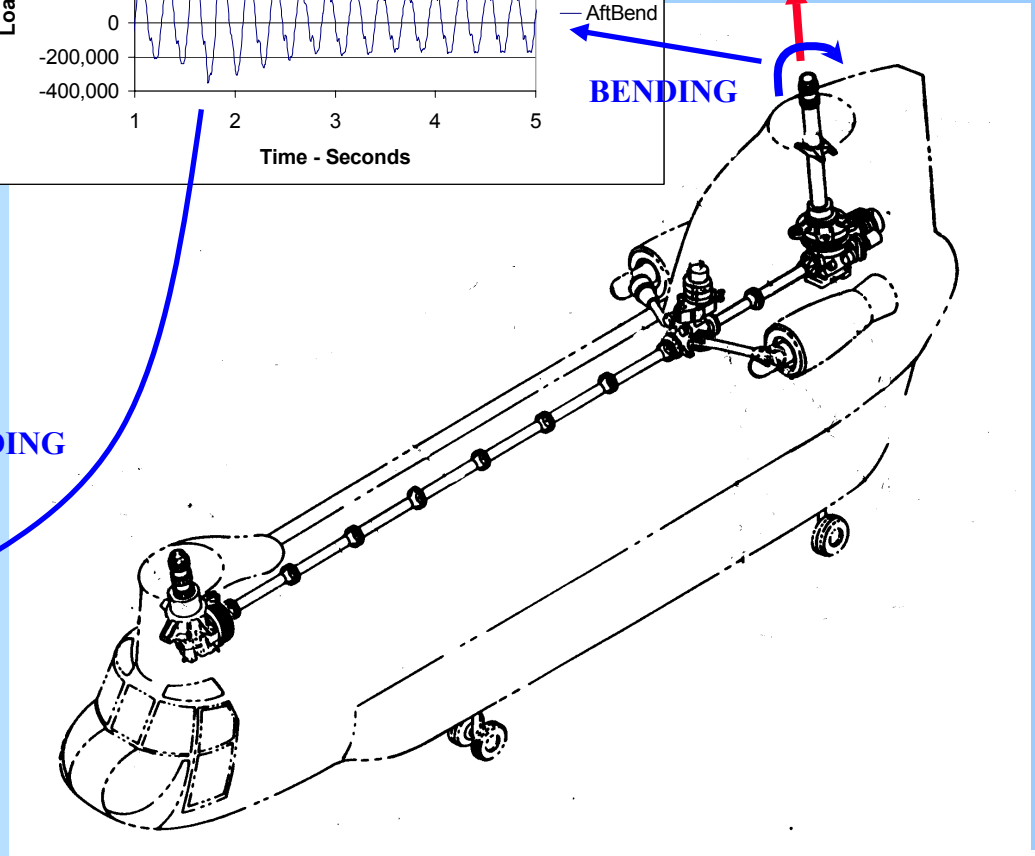


Sample Load Time History



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## **Task 9 Qualification Test Methods (Roadmap Area 6)**

### **Approach Being Developed to Address Concerns with Sensitivity of Rotorcraft Crack Growth Analysis Results to Fits used to Model Material Crack Growth Properties as a Function of Load Ratio**

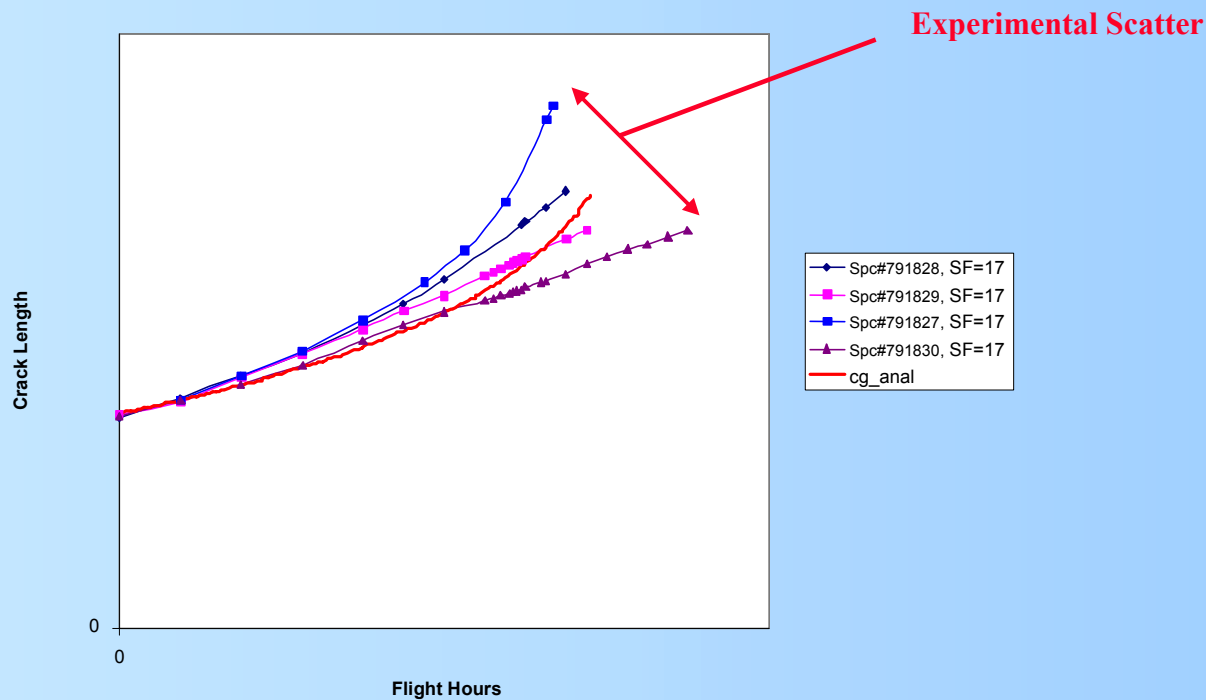
- **Conduct Multiple Coupon Tests Using a Selected Rotorcraft Load Spectrum.**
- **Conduct Crack Growth Analyses, Adjusting Fits to Material Crack Growth Properties Until Analytical Results Compare Favorably to Test Results.**
- **Conduct Additional Coupon Testing Using a Different Rotorcraft Load Spectrum with Different Load Ratio Characteristics.**
- **Conduct Crack Growth Analyses for Second Spectrum Using Material Crack Growth Property Fit from First Spectrum.**



# Task 9 Qualification Test Methods (Roadmap Area 6)

## Sample Data Being Developed

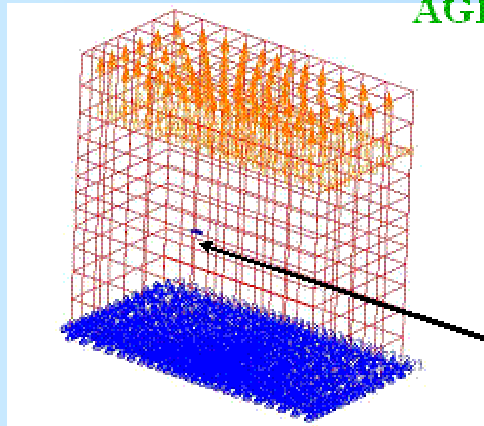
Comparison of Analytical Crack Growth and Test Data for Al 7050-T7452  
(Torque Spectrum)





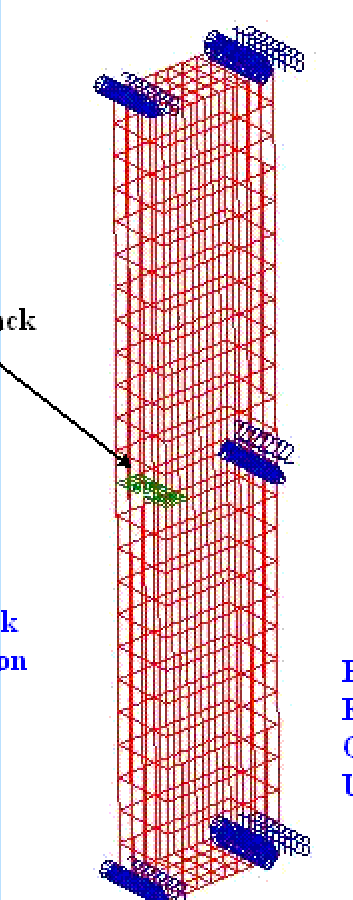
# Task 3 Evaluate Crack Growth Analysis (Roadmap Area 8)

## AGILE Workshop 1 - Basic FEM Models

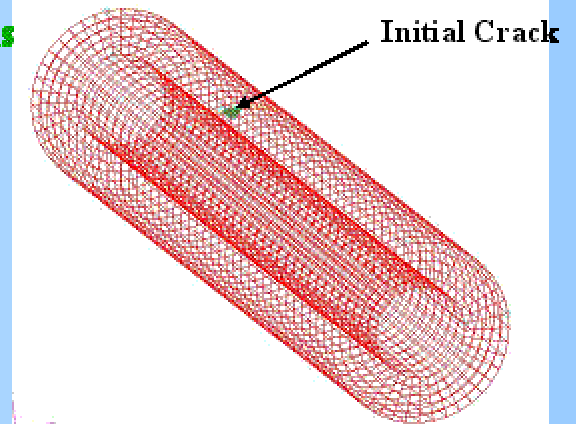


**Block with Surface Crack Under Tension**

**Initial Crack**



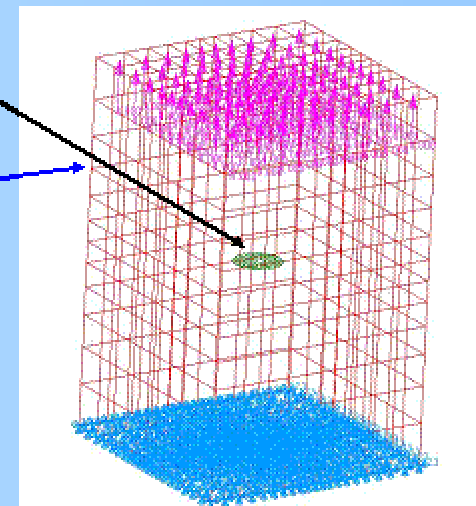
**Plate with thru the Thickness Crack under Tension**



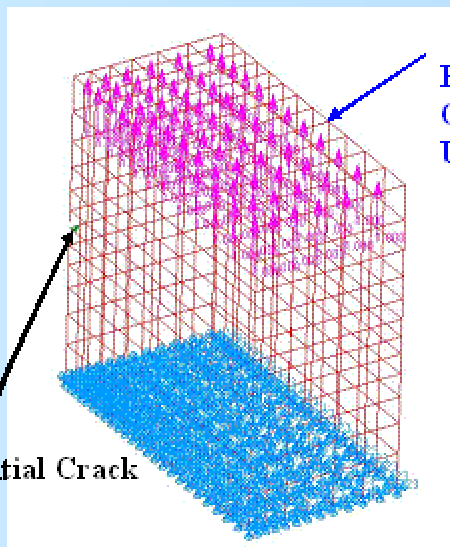
**Cantilevered Tube with Surface Crack Under Axial, Shear, Bending, Torque And all Combined Loads**

**Initial Crack**

**Block with Embedded Circular Crack Under Tension**



**Initial Crack**



**Block with Corner Crack Under Tension**

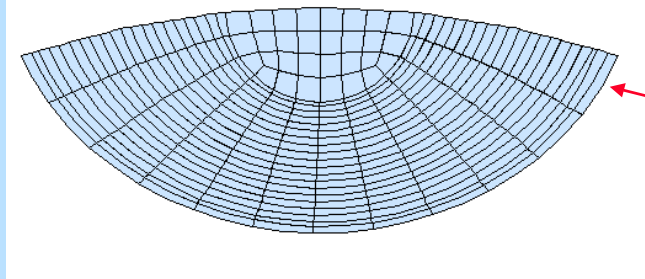
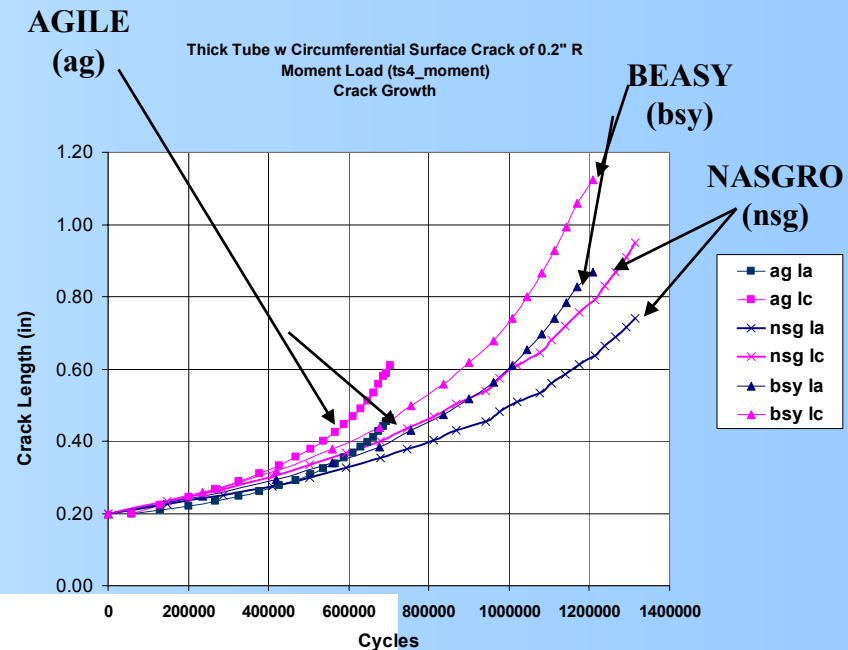
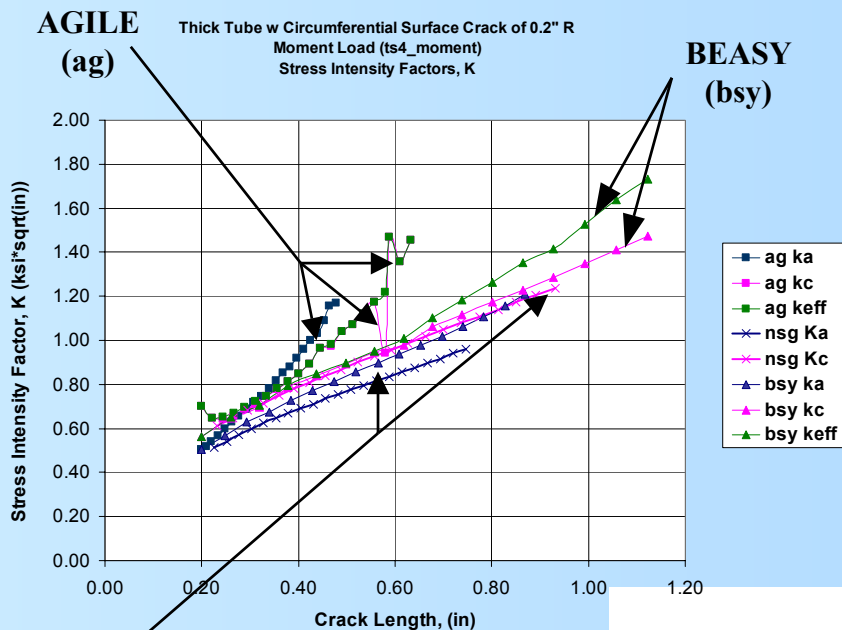


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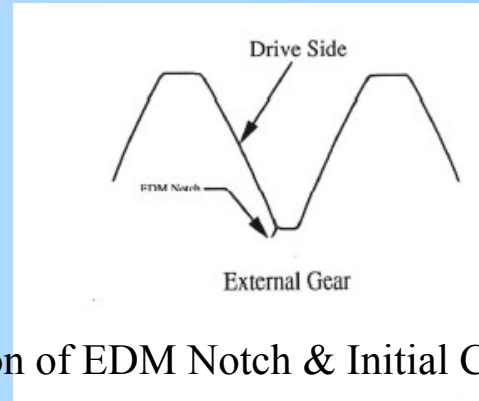
# AGILE Workshop 1 - Typical Results

## (Tube with Surface Crack under Moment Load)

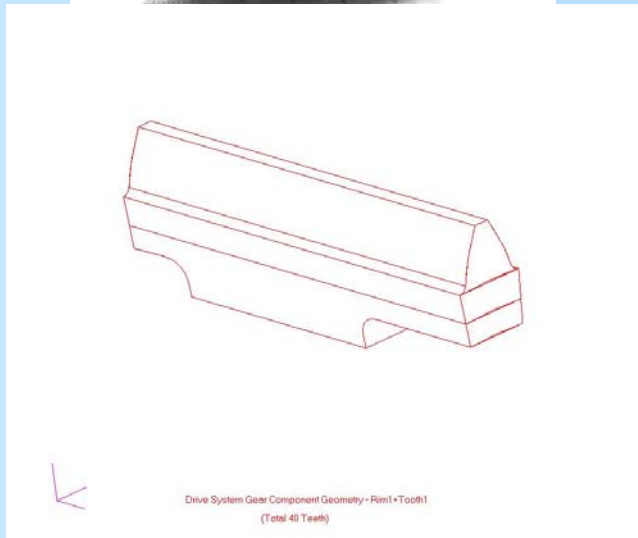
### Comparison of AGILE, NASGRO and BEASY



## AGILE Workshop 2 - Rotorcraft Component Gear Crack Growth Analysis



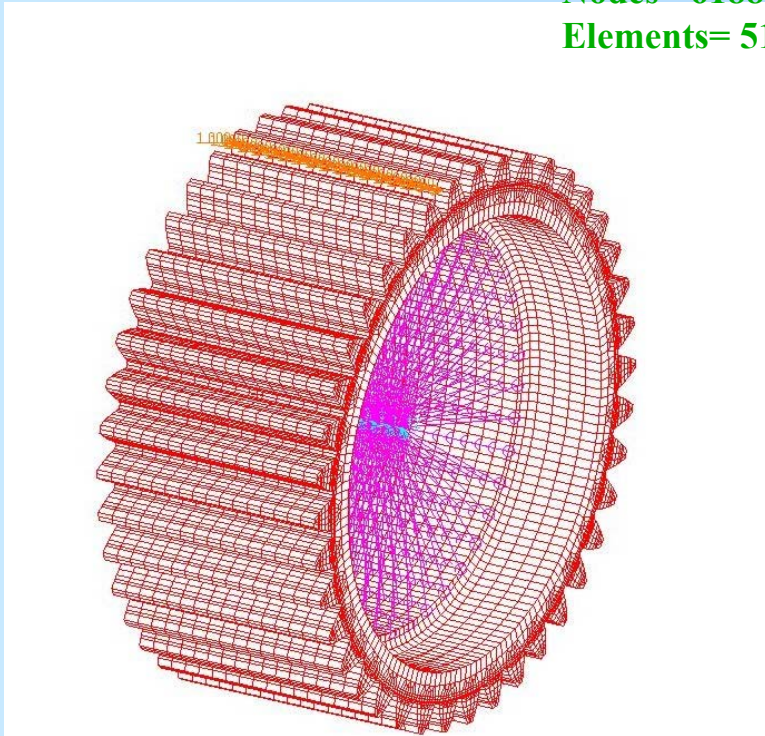
Location of EDM Notch & Initial Crack



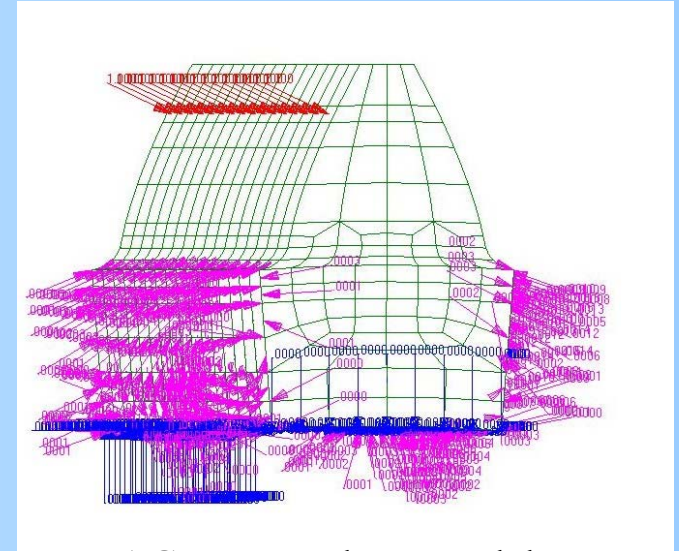
Gear with Broken Tooth

# AGILE Global and Local Models of a Gear

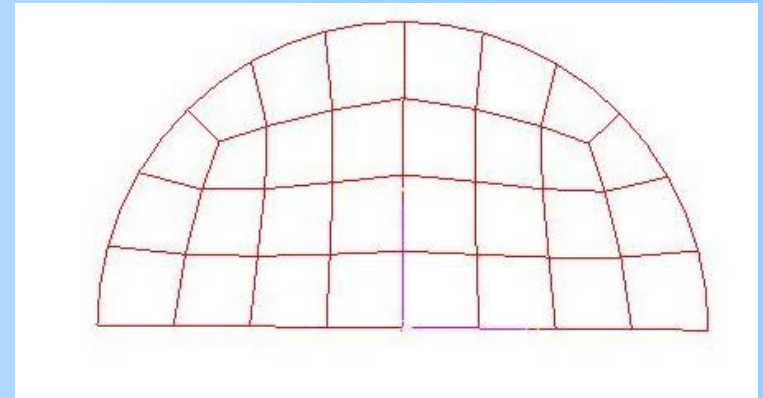
**Nodes= 61888**  
**Elements= 51689**



AGILE Global NASTRAN Model



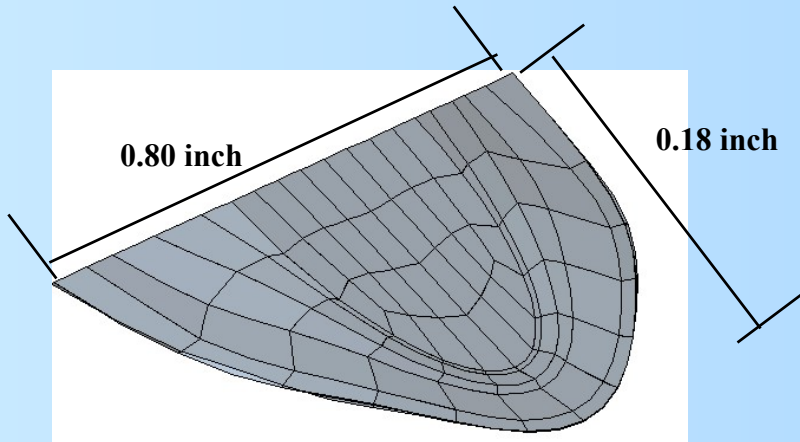
AGILE Local FE Model



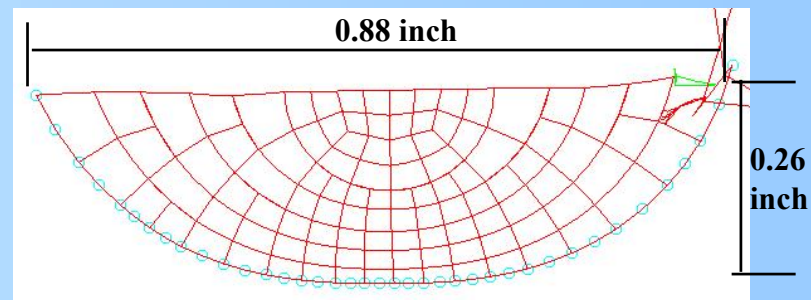
AGILE Initial Crack/BEM Model

## AGILE Workshop 2 - Gear CG Analysis Results

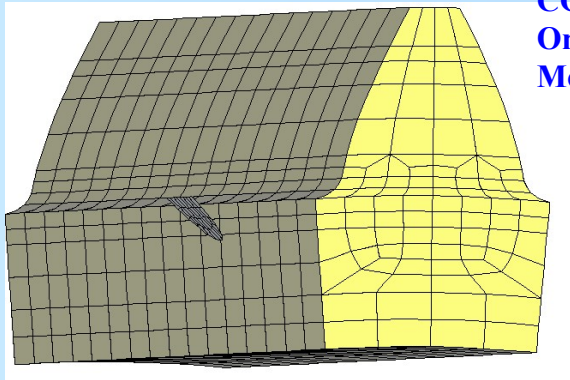
### *Predicted Crack Growth Shape in Gear Tooth*



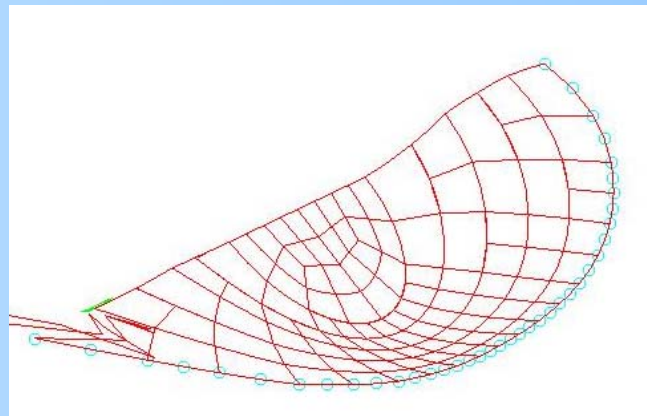
**AGILE CG Shape**



**BEASY CG Shape**



**CG Superposed  
On Local AGILE  
Model**





## AGILE Workshop 2 - Gear Analysis and Test

### Uncertainties of Analysis:

- Loading:
  - Multiple teeth in contact at any time
  - Highest Point of Single Tooth Contact is assumed as the worst case maximum load
  - Status of loading at other meshes is unknown when HPTC load is applied at the cracked tooth
  - Minimum stress at the cracked tooth occurs when the load is on the adjacent tooth
  - Load at all contact points at any instance is unknown
- Material Properties:
  - Properties for the gear material are not available
  - Material properties for 4340 Steel from NASGRO3 database used (C4DC21AB1)
- Test Data:
  - Strain data not available for comparison of stresses
  - Crack growth data is obtained from striation count by Material Laboratory

### Observations/Conclusions:

- Crack growth analysis of the component is complex due to uncertainties of input data to models and lack of data from tests (such as strains, actual  $n$  vs.  $a$ ).
- Comparison of analytically predicted crack growth shape and “ $n$  vs. Crack Length” by AGILE and BEASY are not good.

# Summary of Crack Growth Analysis Code Attributes – as of June 2004

(Roadmap Area 8)

<i>Attribute/Code</i>	AGILE	BEASY	AFGROW, NASGRO	Cracks2000
<u><i>Type of Code</i></u>				
<i>- Stress Analysis</i>	No	Yes	No	No
<i>K Calculation</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Crack Growth</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>- Capability- 2D, 3D</i>	Yes	Yes	2D & Limited 3D	2D & Limited 3D
<i>Stress Intensity Factor, K</i>	FEM/BEM (Complex Geometry)	BEM (Complex Geometry)	Empirical Eqn. from Built-in-Library or User Input	Empirical Eqn. from Built-in-Library or User Input
<i>Source - Stress Analysis</i>	NASTRAN/ANSYS and Local FEM/BEM	Self Contained BEM	User Supplied Stress Spectra Compatible with Stress Intensity Factor Expression	User Supplied Stress Spectra Compatible with Stress Intensity Factor Expression
<i>Ease of Use</i>	FEM Experience Required	FEM Experience Required	Usable by Experienced Engineer	Usable by Experienced Engineer

# Summary of Crack Growth Analysis Code Attributes – as of June 2004

(Roadmap Area 8)

<i>Attribute/Code</i>	<b>AGILE</b>	<b>BEASY</b>	<b>AFGROW, NASGRO</b>	<b>Cracks2000</b>
<i>Steps required for Complete Solution</i>	One to Multiple, Varies with Complexity of Component	One Step; Multiple for Efficient Solution	One Step	One Step
<i>Auto-Crack-Growth</i>	Yes; K and crack growth solution indicate some instability	Yes; Solution Time Increases Exponentially with Growth of Crack	Yes	Yes
<i>Modeling Time</i>	Comparable to FEM Models	Comparable to FEM Models	Short, Limited to Less Complex Models	Short, Limited to Less Complex Models
<i>Solution Time</i>	Long for Large Complex Models	Long for Large Complex Models	Short	Short
<i>Post Process Time</i>	Significant	Insignificant	Insignificant	Insignificant
<i>Computational Resources</i>	Faster CPU, Large Disk Space, & Memory	Faster CPU, Large Disk Space, & Memory	Minimum	Minimum



# Summary of Crack Growth Analysis Code Attributes – as of June 2004

## (Roadmap Area 8)

Attribute/Code	AGILE	BEASY	AFGROW, NASGRO	Cracks2000
<i>Proposed Plan for Verification</i>	Validate K-solution with known Cases; Verify Crack Growth Under Spectra Load	Needed for Simple/Complex Geometry with Simple/Complex Loads	Needed for Simple and Complex Loads	Needed for Simple and Complex Loads
<i>Problems/Bugs</i>	<p>Spurious spikes and bums in predicted SIF curves which may affect crack growth;</p> <p>Difficulties in predicting crack growth for non-planer cracks;</p> <p>Crack aspect ratio (a/c) does not agree well with BEASY and Test Data;</p> <p>Questionable results for combined loads;</p> <p>Can't handle through cracks, multi-front cracks, and cracks in which only one end grows;</p> <p>No interaction models;</p> <p>No multi-axial loading option;</p> <p>Can't solve cracks which are partly in compression;</p> <p>Solution time increases exponentially as the crack grows;</p> <p>Local model size is limited to about 1500 to 3000 elements</p>	<p>Crack adder used in Version 9.0 does not function properly, and aborts run prematurely for some gear problems;</p> <p>Computation of K for torque loads are based on maximum K instead of <math>\Delta K</math> range;</p> <p>Can't handle cracks which grow on one side only;</p> <p>Solution time increases exponentially with number of elements on the crack;</p> <p>Model size is limited to about 10000 to 12000 elements</p>	Needs Further Development/Improvements	Needs Further Development/Improvements



# Summary of Crack Growth Analysis Code Attributes – as of June 2004

(Roadmap Area 8)

Attribute/Code	AGILE	BEASY	AFGROW, NASGRO	Cracks2000
<i>Proposed Updates/ Improvements</i>	Resolve problems/bugs; Implement NASGRO- 4.02 CG Law and Inter- action Models; Update Manuals	Resolve problems/bugs, Implement NASGRO- 4.02 CG Law; Improve Code and Crack Wizard Efficiency	Implement Recommendations of NASGRO Consortium	List not Developed
<i>Recommendation Based on Limited Evaluation</i>	Validate with additional complex rotorcraft subjected to complex loading before use	Analyze Simple or Complex Problems, Recommended for complex geometries and loading	Use where Built-in K Library Cases Adequately Define the Problem	Use where Built-in K Library Cases Adequately Define the Problem

## Accomplishments during 2003 project year:

### Administration & Coordination-

- Held weekly telecons for technical coordination
- Supported FAA Funded Projected Investigating threshold test methods at NASA Langley (Heat treated and rough machined 9310 specimens)
- Attended technical meetings (At RITA year end review in March 2004 and at AHS Forum in June 2004)

### Crack Growth (CG) Analysis-

- Prepared for and participated in AGILE Workshop 1 (Basic geometries)
- Prepared for and participated in AGILE Workshop 2 (Boeing Gear Problem)
- Updated chart showing comparisons of CG codes

### Certification Testing-

- Completed coupon testing for torque spectrum and partially completed bending spectrum for a forged aluminum alloy.

### RCDT Issues-

- Completed Interim Issues Document (team document)
- Started Final Issues Document

### Documentation-

- Completed Interim Technical Report (approved for public release)
- Completed Data Packages
- Completed Updated Interim Technical Report (public release pending)



## Sikorsky Tasks/RCDT Roadmap Areas

Roadmap Area	Task Title (Project Year)	<u>00</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>04</u>
1	RCDT specific issues study					
3	Damage Database & EIFS					
4	Crack growth rate database					
5	Non-Destructive Inspection					
6	Certification Testing					
7	Life enhancement methods					
8	Crack growth analysis					
9	Risk assessment					
10	Corrosion Control					

Blue Text: indicates 2003 tasks



## **2003 Sikorsky Technical Objectives**

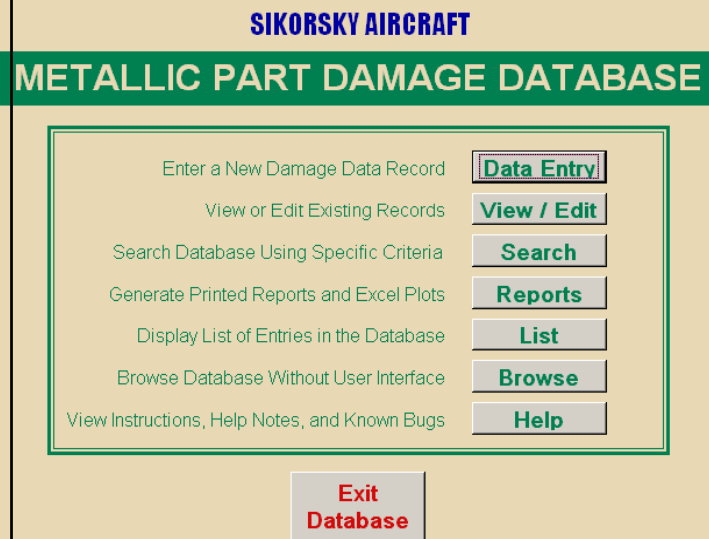
- RA 1: Identify Rotorcraft Damage Tolerance Specific Issues and Supporting Joint RITA Issue Report.
- RA 3: Create Damage Database for Historical Data on Causes for Premature Removal of Rotorcraft Parts, and Relate Historical Damage to Equivalent Initial Flaw (Crack ) Size (EIFS).
- RA 4: Collaborative Effort With NASA/LARC and NASA/JSC to Develop Crack Growth Rate Test Methods Especially for Threshold Crack Growth Rate Data & Models for Common Rotorcraft Materials
- RA 5 Evaluate NDE Techniques for Small Crack Detection and Assess DT management Costs of Rotorcraft Components.
- RA 8 Evaluate / Validate Fracture Mechanics and Crack Growth Codes and Perform Damage Tolerance Case Study for Rotorcraft Components.
- RA 10 Identify Primary Types of Rotorcraft Corrosion, Investigate Potential Corrosion Sensor Technologies, and Develop Corrosion Control Strategies



# Roadmap Area 3: Damage Database & EIFS

## Updated Damage Database Documentation

2	Metallic Parts Damage Database.....
2.1	Introduction.....
2.1.1	Need.....
2.1.2	Objective.....
2.2	Database Capability and Features.....
2.2.1	Overview.....
2.2.2	Data Description.....
2.2.2.1	Data Organization.....
2.2.2.2	Definition of Terms and Data Consistency.....
2.2.3	Database Architecture.....
2.2.3.1	Tables.....
2.2.3.2	Forms.....
2.2.3.3	Modules.....
2.2.3.4	Queries.....
2.2.3.5	Reports.....
2.2.3.6	Macros.....
2.2.4	Security.....
2.2.4.1	Open and Closed Lists.....
2.2.4.2	Saving New or Edited Records.....
2.2.4.3	Data Editing Password.....
2.3	Application of the Damage Database.....



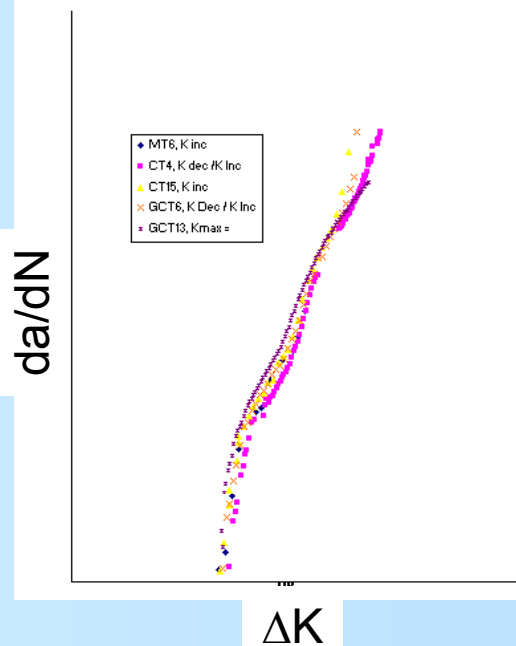
Recorded Historical Data in  
Damage Database used to  
determine EIFS in CGA



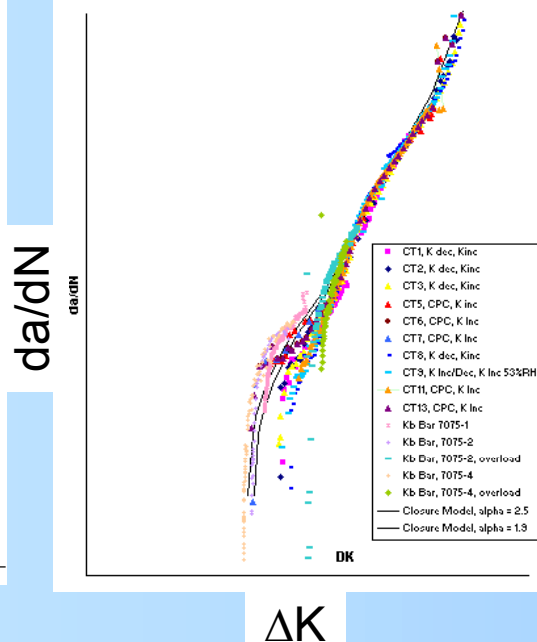
## Roadmap Area 4: Crack Growth Data

- Significant improvement threshold characterization
- Sample of High R value cg data in report and data packages
- Interacting with NASA Langley to improve threshold test methods
- Data useful to update crack growth characterization in NASGRO

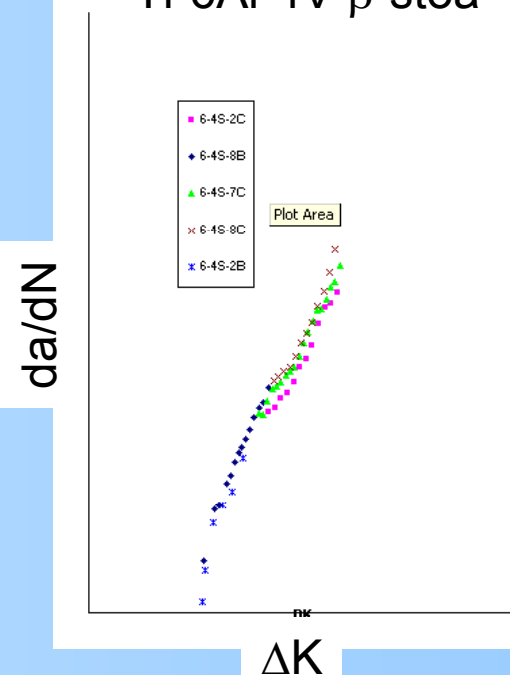
Al-7050-T74



Al-7075-T73



Ti-6Al-4V  $\beta$ -sto





## Roadmap Area 5: NDE and DT Assessment

- Evaluated Potential NDE Methods for Capabilities for Detection of Small Cracks in Rotorcraft Structure

### Mature Technologies

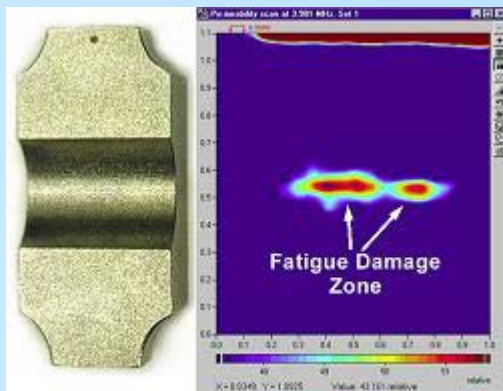
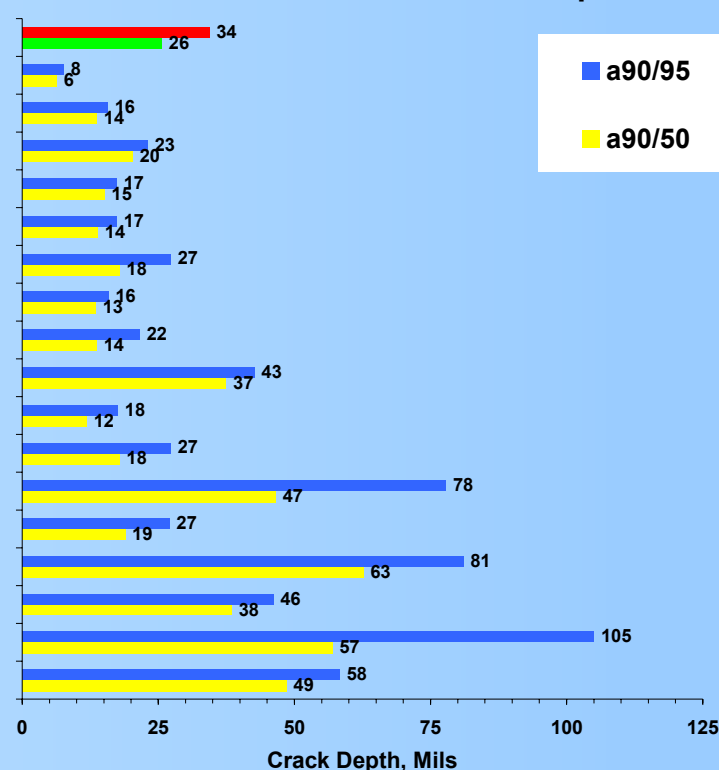
- Eddy Current (automated+conventional)
- Fluorescent Penetrant
- Magnetic Particle

### Emerging Technologies

- MWM Eddy Current Sensor Arrays
- Pulse Thermography NDT
- Thermosonic (Thermography + Ultrasonic)



NTIAC ECI Data for Crack Depth



### Surface mounted MWM EC sensors (JENTEK Inc).

- For select components, ECI crack detection capability has potential for DT assessment. Also MWM ECI sensor has potential for crack monitoring



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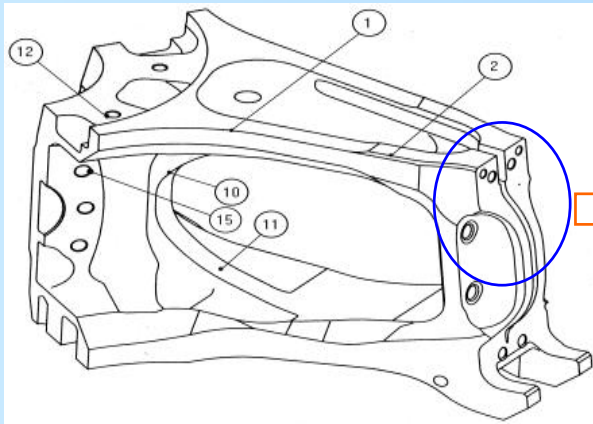




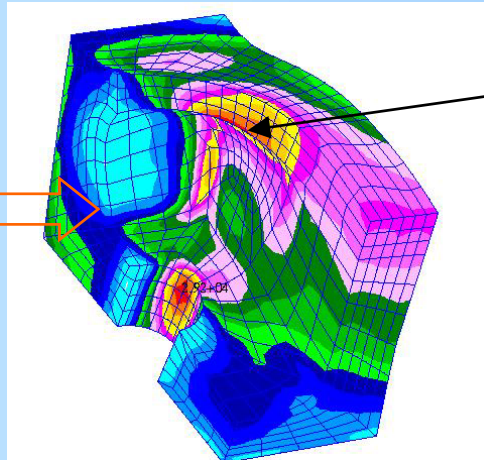
## Roadmap Area 5: NDE and DT Assessment

Evaluation of NDE Inspection Interval and Costs for Selected Components

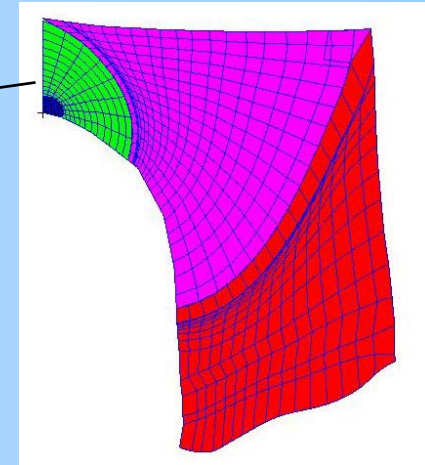
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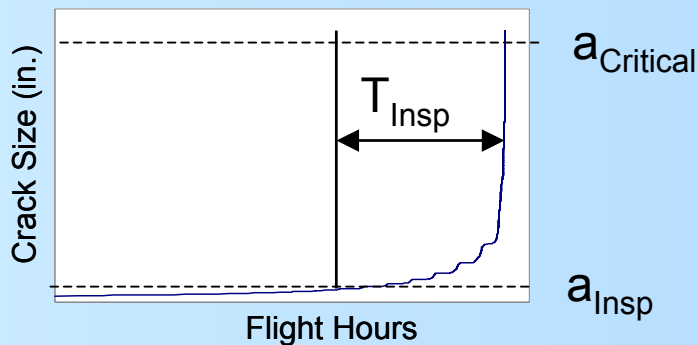
Local



Local Model



Inspection Interval



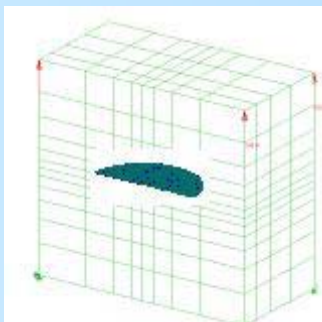
Inspection Cost

$$E(c) = K1 \times N \times C_i(\text{inspection}) + K2 \times N \times P(\Delta a_1) \times C_{r_1}(\text{repair}) + K3 \times N \times P(\Delta a_2) \times C_{r_2}(\text{replacement})$$

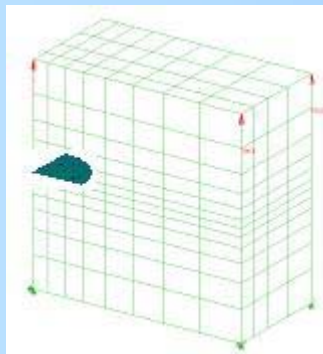


# Roadmap Area 8: Crack Growth Analysis Methods

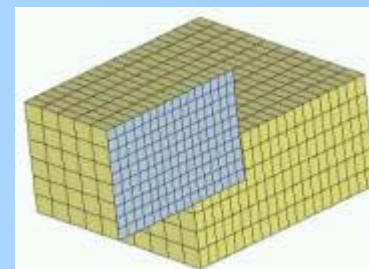
## AGILE Workshop I: Generic Crack Growth Problems



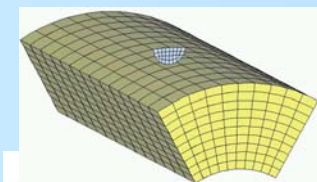
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Under tension



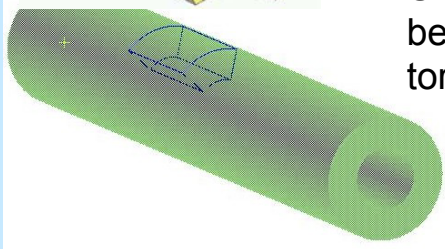
2. Corner crack  
Under tension



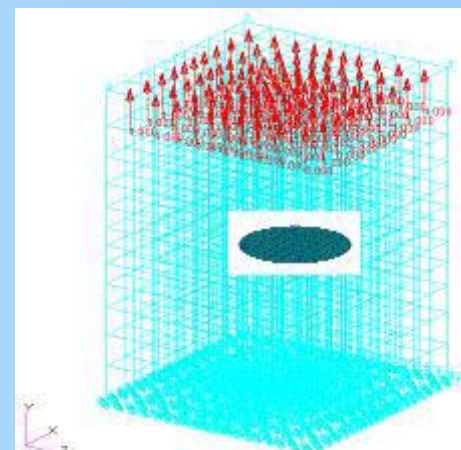
3. Through crack  
Under tension



4. Surface crack  
Under tension,  
bending, shear,  
torsion, combined.



5. Embedded  
Crack Under  
tension

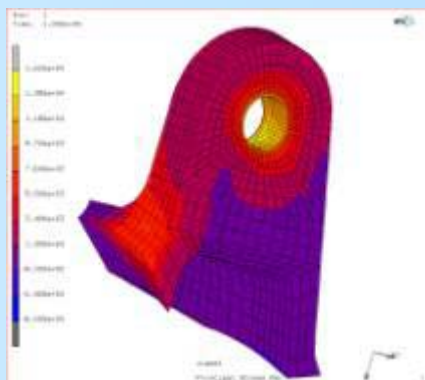




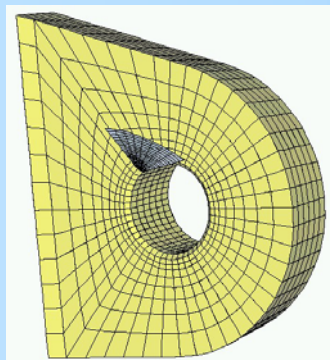
# Roadmap Area 8: Crack Growth Analysis Methods

AGILE Workshop II - Specific Rotorcraft Problem

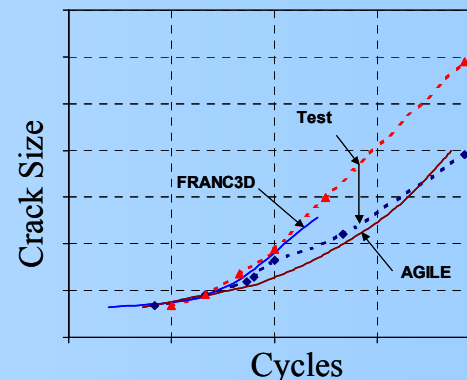
MR Hub Damper Lug – (Good correlation with crack measurement)



Stress in Global Model

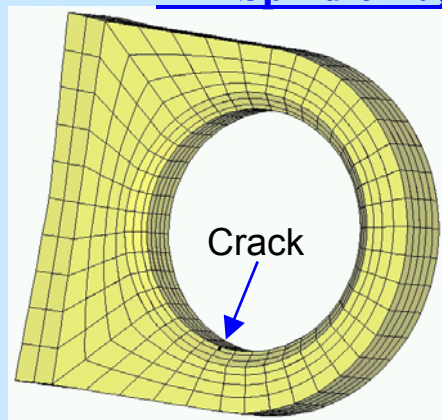


AGILE Local Model

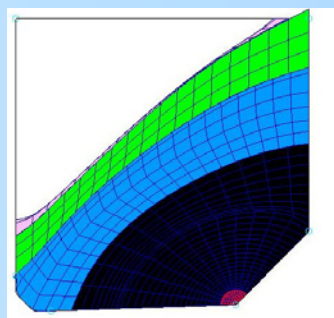


Crack Growth Test and Analysis

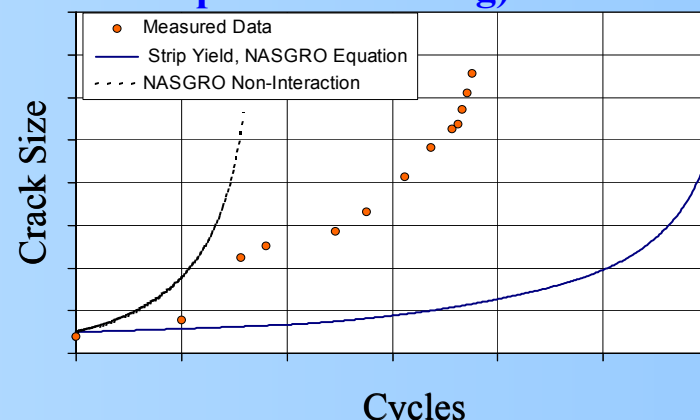
MR Spindle Lug – (Discrepancy may be attributed to spectrum loading)



AGILE Local Model



predicted Crack



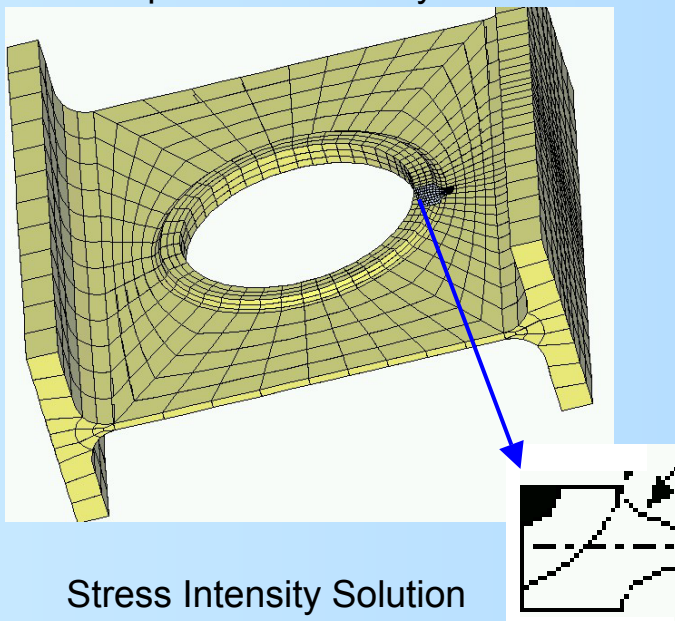
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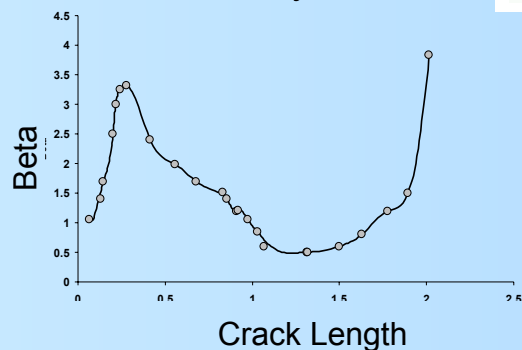
# Roadmap Area 8: Crack Growth Analysis Methods

Case Study: Cranfield Damage Tolerance Round Robin Problem

Component Geometry



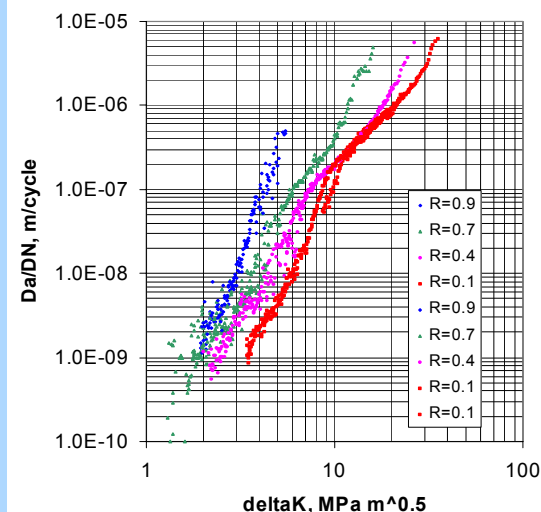
Stress Intensity Solution



Normalized ASTERIX Spectrum

cycles	max	min	cycles	max	min
36000	0.92	0.76	14186	0.84	0.68
1	0	-0.04	36000	0.92	0.76
8	0.32	0.28	234	0.88	0.64
140	0.44	0.4	434	0.88	0.68
14186	0.52	0.36	201	0.92	0.64
140	0.48	0.44	83	1	0.56
346	0.52	0.44	260	0.84	0.76
139	1	-0.04	25266	0.88	0.72
346	0.6	0.56	289	0.92	0.68

Crack Growth Data



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# Roadmap Area 8: Crack Growth Analysis Methods

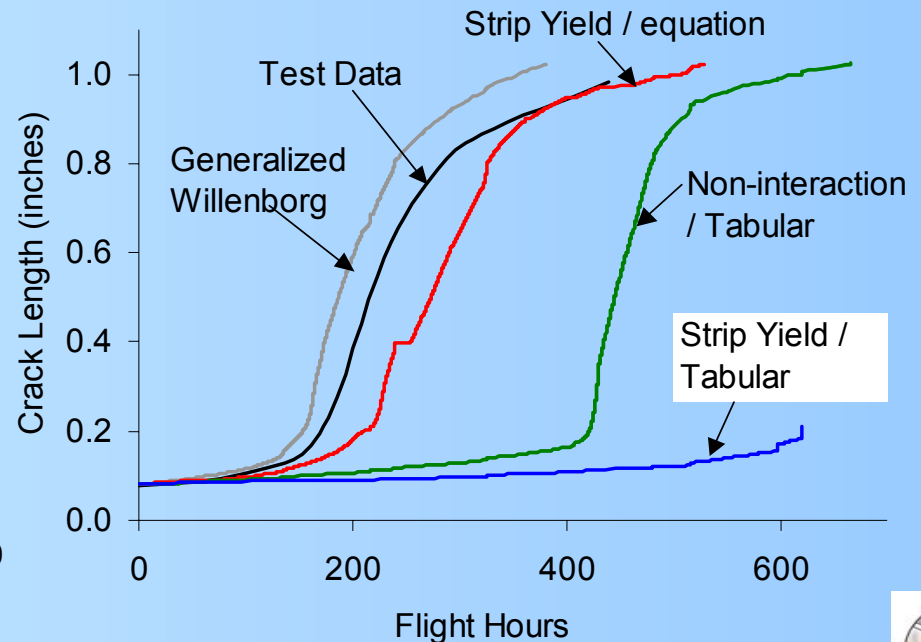
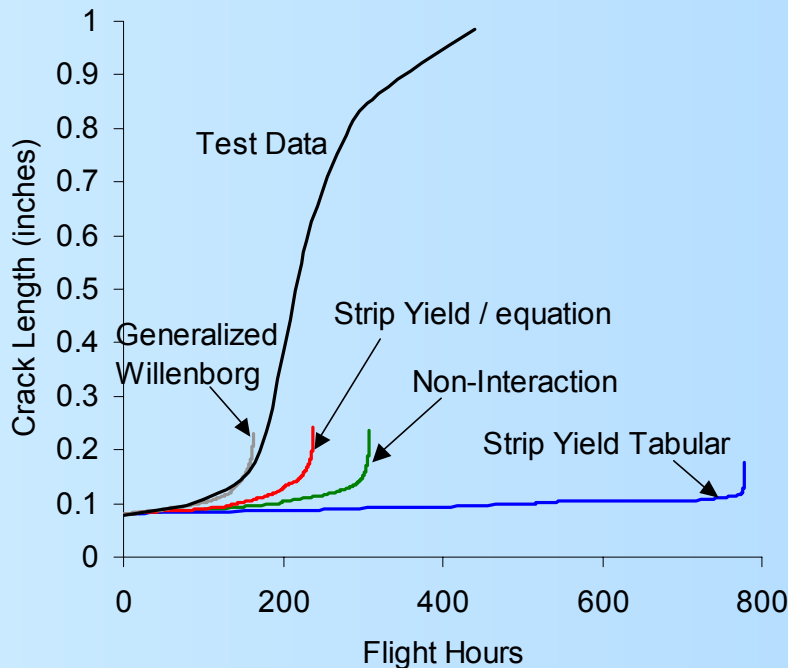
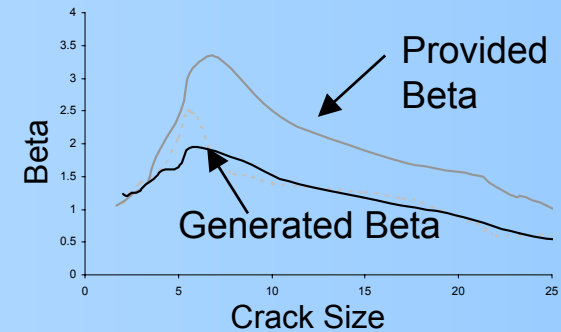
## Rotorcraft Airframe Structural Case Study

### Phase I Analysis:

Using provided stress intensity, material data, and spectrum, Performed NASGRO crack growth analysis with various models

### Phase II Analysis:

Generated stress intensity solution, and Performed NASGRO crack growth analysis with various models





# Roadmap Area 10: Corrosion Sensors

## Corrosion Cost and Types

### Corrosion Costs

- Military assets  
~\$20B/year (GAO Rpt 2001)
- DoD Rotorcraft  
~\$4B/year (1998)
- Corrosion costs  
~15% of total maintenance cost (Navy H-60)



Blade pins  
(Galvanic)



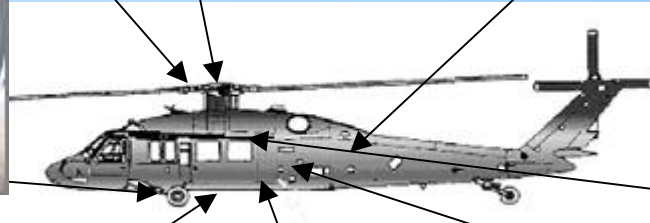
Gearbox housings  
(Galvanic/Pitting)



Fuel cell  
(Filiform/Exfoliation)



Drag beam  
(Stress Corrosion Cracking)



Fuselage beam  
(outer) above  
cargo door  
(Corrosion Fatigue  
Cracking)



Cargo door tracks  
(Exfoliation)



RAST fitting  
(Filiform/Pitting)



Cabin floor panel  
interface  
(Galvanic/Filiform)



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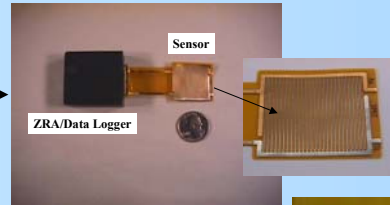


# Roadmap Area 10: Corrosion Sensors

## State-of-Art Corrosion Sensor Technologies

### EXTRINSIC SENSORS

- Galvanic
- NDE
- EIS
- Resistance
  - Ionic
  - Electrical



Estimated ROI ~9%

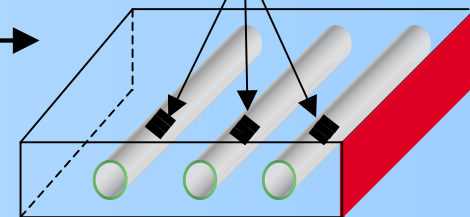


Lock nut  
Collet bolt

Housing

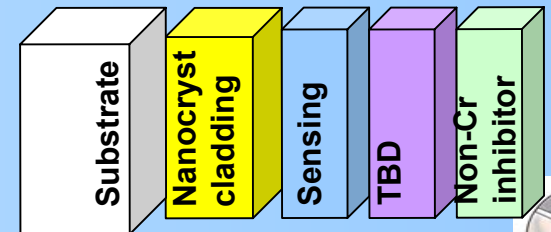
Bolt-head inset

### Multi-axis FBG sensors



### INTRINSIC SENSORS

- Optical Fiber with “smart” coatings
- Embedded Fiber Bragg Gratings
- Fluorescent paint coatings
- Multifunctional “smart” coatings
  - Sense---report
  - React---self-repair
  - Directed repair (2-way response)
    - Fiber optic array



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## **2003 Technical Accomplishments:**

- RA 1 In Coordination with Bell and Boeing, Developed the DT Flow Chart and Reviewed Boeing's Issue Report.
  - RA 3: Updated Metallic Component Damage Database Documentation.
  - RA 4: Reviewed NASA Rotorcraft Material Test Matrix and Objectives and Provided Feedback. Interacting with NASA on Testing Progress.
  - RA 5: **Assessed Potential NDE Methods**, Capabilities, and Costs for Detection of Small Cracks in Rotorcraft Structure, **Determined Inspection Intervals** for Selected Components
  - RA 8: **Evaluated AGILE CG Code** with Five Generic Crack Problems. **Performed CG Analyses of Two Full Scale Parts. Conducted Airframe Case Study of the Cranfield DT Round Robin Problem.**
  - RA 10: **Defined Primary Types of Rotorcraft Corrosion and Potential Corrosion Sensor Technologies, Strategies and Benefits.**
- Report: Interim Technical Report and Data Packages: Damage DB, CG Data, NDE, Life Enhancement, Agile Evaluations, CG Case Study, Corrosion.

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